



HEAVEN

Its Nature and Glory

HEAVEN: THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

- God's holy habitation – Deut. 26:15
- The Father is there – Matt. 6:9
- Christ, the Son, is there – Mk. 16:19
- The Holy Spirit dwells there – Jn. 1:32

HEAVEN: THE PLACE OF GOD'S THRONE

- God rules all from his throne – Psa. 11:4; Matt. 5:34-35
- The risen Christ now rules as Lord, sitting at the right hand of God – Acts 2:30; Eph. 1:20-23
- This power will be returned to the Father and God will be **all in all** – 1 Cor. 15:24-28
- The ultimate goal of God's plan is to bring us to heaven to witness and share in the glory!
–Rom. 8:16-17

“WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?”

- To answer this question is to emphasize *who God is!*
- The question persists only for those unfamiliar with or unappreciative of the value of this great and spiritually discerned truth!
 - Biblical heaven is a strange concept for the carnal, earthly-minded – 1 Cor. 2:14
 - So, what will heaven be like? IT IS GOD’S DWELLING PLACE AND THRONE!

HEAVEN: THE ULTIMATE DISPLAY OF GOD'S GLORY

- John describes heaven in *earthly* terms; but there is *nothing earthly* about it.
- Picture: God's throne of glory – Rev. 4:1-11
 - His glory is described in beautiful stones – 4:1-3
 - His power seen in the 24 surrounding thrones – 4:4-5
 - His purity in the “sea of glass” that represents the cleansing from sin needed to approach Him – 4:6
 - His majesty emphasized in the unending praise of the four living creatures – 4:7-8
 - His supremacy and power in the humble submission and worship of the 24 elders – 4:9-11

APPLICATION

- Are you getting the picture of what heaven is about?
 - It is about God’s glory, holiness, power, and praise!
 - There will be no thoughts of self and earthly things!
- If worship bores or turns you off, you are not ready for heaven!
 - This is the problem with modern “worship/service” that entertains and pleases the masses – Jn. 4:23-24
 - Modern “worship” with its earthly, carnal approach ill-prepares and deceives the masses about heaven – Heb. 8:5