

“What About HEAVEN?”

Keep your **focus** on heaven!

2 Corinthians 4:14,16-18 NLT

We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus....

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Philippians 1:21 NLT

For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.

1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:10 NLT

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

What will heaven look like?

Revelation 21:1-2 NLT

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, **the new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

massive wall

12 large gates

12 angels at the gates

wall of jasper

gates of pearl

city of gold

main street of pure gold as clear as glass

God's glory provides light

Heaven is our **real home**

Philippians 3:20 NLT

We are **citizens of heaven**, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

In heaven, you will **not miss** your life on earth.

Isaiah 65:17-18 NLT

“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and **no one will even think about the old ones anymore**. Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation! And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness. Her people will be a source of joy.

What will we do in heaven? Serve-**Worship** God

Revelation 14:13 NLT

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!”

Revelation 22:3 NLT

No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him.

In heaven, we will think **differently** than we do now.

Epiginosko (Greek) to really know

1 Corinthians 13:12 NLT

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and

incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

In heaven, where will we **live** and what will we eat?

Isaiah 65:21 NLT

In those days people will live in the houses they build and eat the fruit of their own vineyards.

John 14:2-3 KJV

In my Father's house are many **mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Heaven is a place of **reunions**.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 NLT

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words.

2 Samuel 12:23 NLT

“But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him one day, but he cannot return to me.”

Matthew 8:11 NLT

And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Revelation 7:9 NLT

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

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Will there be animals in heaven?

Isaiah 11:6-9 NLT

In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.

Heaven is a place of **intellectual** growth and discovery.

Ephesians 2:6-7 NLT

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can **point to us** in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Heaven is a place with fascinating worlds to **explore**.

John 14:2 KJV

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Heaven is a place of productivity and accomplishment.

Revelation 7, 22 we will serve God

1 Corinthians 6:3 NLT

Don't you realize that we will **judge angels**?

Matthew 25:23 NLT

"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'