

Series: Heaven: My Forever Home

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“What Will We Do in Heaven”

Text: Matthew 25:23

Intro: Last week we prepared for the trip to Heaven. We went over the whole scope of the trip and where all we would go. Making sure that we have our passports (salvation) and understanding that it is a trip that we will never have to come back from. I suppose that the next best thing we could do is take a look at what we will be doing when we get there.

Science-fiction writer Isaac Asimov writes, “I don’t believe in an afterlife, so I don’t have to spend my whole life fearing hell, or fearing heaven even more. For whatever the tortures of hell, I think the boredom of heaven would be even worse”.

Queen Elizabeth has stated that after her exciting life, heaven would be a “come down.”

Question: Will I be bored in Heaven? There is a fundamental reason that heaven will never be boring: God is not boring! God is the most exciting, adventuresome, creative Person that you can imagine—multiplied a thousand times over. We can’t even comprehend a morsel of the excitement that is resident in the triune God with whom we are going to spend eternity. (David Jeremiah). Remember what the psalmist said. “In his Presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11).

Remember we will be in the presence of God. We will never engage in anything that makes us feel bad or empty. Everything we do will bring joy and satisfaction, because that is how God has created us. Heaven is everything our hearts long for and it is in heaven that we will be complete.

Another reason people assume Heaven is boring is that their Christian lives are boring. That’s not God’s fault; it’s their own. God calls us to follow him in an adventure that should put us on life’s edge. (Alcorn)

In his book *Things Unseen* **Pastor Mark Buchanan asks,** Why won’t we be bored in heaven? Because it’s the one place where both impulses—to go beyond, to go home—are perfectly joined and totally satisfied. It’s the one place where we’re constantly discovering—where everything is always fresh and the possessing of a thing is as good as the pursuing of it—and yet where we are fully at home—where everything is as it ought to be and where we find, undiminished, that mysterious something we never found down here. . . . And this lifelong melancholy that hangs on us, this wishing we were someone else somewhere else, vanishes too. Our craving to go beyond is always and fully realized. Our yearning for home is once and for all fulfilled. The ah! of deep satisfaction and the aha! of delighted surprise meet, and they kiss.

My friends God is not boring and I assure that Heaven will not be either. The problem is that our society believes that there can’t be excitement without sin which is a chief lie of the enemy.

Let’s take a look at least a few of the things we will be doing in Heaven.

1) We Will Work In Heaven.

- a. Look again at our text for today. “I will make you ruler over things”. We will be ruling and reigning with our Lord.
- b. The Parable of the Pounds in Luke 19 makes it clear that some people will be given more responsibility.

- c. In Revelation 22:3 it says “his servants shall serve Him.” Service is active.
- d. **Gen 2:15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
- e. Although Eden was perfect, it was not self-sustaining. The work only became hard after the fall. Work has always been a part of God’s plan for us.
- f. You say that sounds like hell to me. That’s because we have always worked under the curse.
- g. Work in Heaven won’t be frustrating or fruitless; instead, it will involve lasting accomplishment, unhindered by decay and fatigue, enhanced by unlimited resources. We’ll approach our work with the enthusiasm we bring to our favorite sport or hobby.
- h. [In heaven] our minds and bodies will never fade and we will never lack resources or opportunity, [so] our work won’t degenerate. Buildings won’t last for only fifty years, and books won’t be in print for only twenty years. They’ll last forever.[3] —Randy Alcorn

2) We Will Fellowship

- a. Imagine having the unlimited opportunity to fellowship with people from all ages of history—even people we’ve only read about in books.
- b. Who is on your list of people that you would like to hang out with.
- c. There will be no more fakeness, no more suspicion or impure motives. No body trying to sell you anything.
- d. **Robert Jeffress:** “From our first day in heaven, and for every day thereafter, we will walk the streets of the new heaven and the new earth with astonishment: “There goes Jeremiah! And over there is Eve. I can’t believe it -there is Paul talking with the Wesley brothers-John and Charles. And over there is Esther, and Caleb and John and Solomon and...”
- e. For the first time ever we will be perfectly compatible with one another and we will enjoy intimate fellowship with billions of people.
- f. **Question?** Will we learn in heaven? Do we receive an information dump of all knowledge of all time? Or will we continue to have aha moments throughout all eternity?
- g. **Illustrate:** Chell and I. I am constantly learning new things about her.
- h. “We will constantly be more amazed with God, more in love with God, and thus evermore relishing his presence and our relationship with him. Our experience of God will never reach its consummation. We will never finally arrive, as if upon reaching a peak we discover there is nothing beyond. Our experience of God will never become stale. It will deepen and develop, intensify, and amplify, unfold and increase, broaden and balloon.”
- i. We will fellowship with Jesus himself. Our Savior will be our personal friend and we can fellowship with him forever and ever.

3) We Will Experience Real Rest

- a. **Matt 11:28** says “Come to me, all that who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give your rest”.
- b. **Rev 14:13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
- c. This is a promise for those believers who will be martyred for their faith during the great tribulation.

- d. The word translated “labors” means that these believers, along with future believers, will be released from the tiresome burden of trying to live a godly life in a godless world.
- e. Won't it be wonderful to never be exhausted again?
- f. We live under the tyranny of the urgent and that causes stress. But that will be no more. We will experience true rest.

4) We Will Worship In Heaven.

- a. One of the greatest joys of Heaven will be worshipping while looking at the lamb.
- b. Our response to seeing Jesus will be unlike anything we have ever known or experienced.
- c. We know that the Angelic host never cease in their worship of the Father and Son.
- d. According to John, the number of angels probably number in the hundreds of millions
- e. **Rev 5:11** And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;
- f. Can you imagine the sound of this worship?
- g. On December 2, 2013 during a third down defensive stand against the New Orleans Saints, the Seahawks fans produced an ear splitting 137.6 decibels. The roar of a jet engine one hundred feet away produces 140 decibels. The Seahawks praise was so loud that it triggered a minor earthquake.
- h. But this is no match for heaven.
- i. **Rev 7:9** After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
- j. **Rev 7:10** And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
- k. **Rev 7:12** Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
- l. **Rev 19:6** And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
- m. Heaven will not just be one big church service, but it will be filled at all times with the worship of the King.
- n. It will be true worship. No games, no put ons. No fakeness. It will be pure.
- o. We will be honoring God for all time in all that we do. In Our work, and fellowship, and daily activities.
- p. **We will sing.** Music is a huge gift from God. Many songs will make the trip, many will not. Songs from every tribe and every tongue.
- q. **We will dance.** David Danced, Miriam and the women danced after the Red Sea. When the Prodigal son came home the house was filled with singing and dancing (Luke 15:25) The elder son got close to the house he heard music and dancing.
- r. God made us to dance. Satan made it dirty.
- s. I believe we will tell stories, create things, and yes have sports.
- t. **Illustrate** why you believe their will be sports. (Micahel, Logan, David,)
- u. No sir Heaven will not be boring.