

## Overview

In Colossians 3:1-2 we are told to set our hearts and minds on things above not on earthly things. Basically the way we think, feel, and our morals are to be kept in perspective of a future heavenly home. We are not supposed to live like the here and now is the end all of what were created to be. We are made for heaven. King Solomon said that everything this side of the sun is meaningless. No matter what Solomon did he could not find satisfaction in this world. Does this sound familiar? Are you content with this world?

C.S. Lewis once said, “Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water...If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” Do you feel yourself having a desire this world cannot satisfy? There are several common questions about heaven. What will we do in heaven? Is heaven just a nonstop choir concert? Will we recognize our friends and family?

While not all of these questions can be answered there are a few things we do know about our future home. We may not know exactly what will be there but we know what will not. Revelation 21:4 reads: “there will be no more mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” For anyone who has felt the pain of death, cancer, divorce, depression, loneliness, etc...these words should bring hope. These hurts will no longer exist. The location of heaven is not what brings hope. It is being in the presence of Jesus which brings hope.

Revelation 21:1 reads, “there will be a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.” God will create all things new. In all this newness it says there will be no more seas. This seems kind of random and out of place. Especially if you like the beach. For first century people the seas represented chaos, separation from family, and evil. It was from the sea the wicked beast came forth (Revelation 13). No more seas means there will be no more evil, chaos, separation, or wickedness. It will be replaced with the overwhelming presence of God.

If you like looking at the Rocky Mountains now – just wait until you see the ones on the new earth. If you think Hawaii is beautiful now – just wait until you see the new Hawaii. Everything we see is but a mere dim reflection of the life we will experience one day. Eccles 3:11, “God set eternity in the hearts of man.” Is eternity in your heart? Do you have your heart and mind set on heaven? We may not know exactly what life after life might hold, but we do know it will be amazing.

## Bible Study: Various

1. How does keeping a heavenly perspective help you through trials on earth?
2. Read Colossians 3:1-2. There are many times when life seems overwhelming. In what ways can you keep your mind on heaven?
3. What are somethings you are looking forward to in heaven?
4. Read Revelation 21:1-4. What do you think it will be like to be in the presence of God?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:10-13. Are you eagerly looking forward to the day of God’s coming?

6. Sometimes we pray for God to come, but not yet. What is it that makes us want to hold off the coming of God?