

## HEAVEN, THE FINAL FRONTIER

### Revelation 21:1-8

#### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. A review of what we have covered:
- B. The myths about heaven:
- C. The three heavens:

#### II. THE FIVE REALITIES OF HEAVEN:

- A. Heaven will require destruction: v. 1
  - 1. The world and universe were built to be temporal: *Matthew 24*
  - 2. The world and the elements set to burn in the future: *2 Peter 3*
- B. Heaven will be new with a fresh start: v. 2
  - 1. All things new will remain new: v. 5, *Isaiah 65:17*
  - 2. A bride adorned for her husband:
- C. Heaven will have no ocean: v. 1
  - 1. No sun, moon, and stars: v. 23
  - 2. Not a water-based system:
- D. Heaven will feel unfamiliar: vv. 3-4
  - 1. Ultimate access to God: v. 3
  - 2. No tears, death, and fear of death:
  - 3. No sorrows, depression, or anxiety:
  - 4. No pain physically or relationally:
  - 5. No longing for more, but ultimate satisfaction: *(see quote on back)*
- E. Heaven won't be for everyone: vv. 7-8
  - 1. Designed for the overcomer:
  - 2. The symptoms of the outcast:  
(cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderer, immoral, sorcerers, idolators, liars)

#### III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A. In looking at my own life, do the symptoms of the outcast represent my life more than the attributes of God?
- B. Are the treasures of this world encompassing my life more than the treasures in heaven?
- C. Today I must seek His kingdom over my own, and remind myself that heaven is a future hope designed to motivate me to think eternally at the expense of the temporal.

C.S. Lewis

"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."