

Real World Skit

Two students discuss what heaven and hell will be like according to the Bible.

Student 1: That movie was good!

Student 2: Yeah, I wasn't expecting the girl's dad to die so suddenly in the beginning. That was sad!

Student 1: I almost cried in the scene where the cop had to break the news to the family. Why do so many movies have people die anyway?

Student 2: I guess having something terrible at the beginning sets up all the troubles the girl had afterward.

Student 1: I liked the part where the girl learned that her dad is up in the stars looking down at her, and she went out to the park at night to talk to him.

Student 2: That was nice for the movie, but that's not what the Bible teaches about death and heaven.

Student 1: What do you mean? Aren't people who die looking down at us?

Student 2: The Bible doesn't tell us what people can see on earth after they die. It says that our spirit is eternal—that means the part that makes you who you are as a person. The spirit leaves our physical body and goes to either heaven or hell.

Student 1: Hell? I thought that was an imaginary place in cartoons! You know, with the devil and his pitchfork!

Student 2: No, it's a real place, and Satan is a very real enemy. In the Bible, Jesus described hell as a terrible place of eternal torment, fire that doesn't end, and darkness from which there is no return.

Student 1: Yikes! For real? Is the devil there?

Student 2: Hell was created as a place of punishment for the devil, or Satan, and his fallen angels. And when God defeats Satan, that's where Satan will be imprisoned. But for now, he's allowed to be free. The bad news is that when man sinned in the garden of Eden, we separated ourselves from God and all deserve hell as our punishment, too.

Student 1: You're kinda freaking me out! What about heaven? That's where good people go, right?

Student 2: If there were any good people, that's where they would go. Heaven is a wonderful place for those who know they are not good and turn from sin and trust in Jesus to save them. The Bible describes it as having streets of gold, feasts, music, and people worshipping God together.

Student 1: My mom read a book about a kid who went to heaven and talked with her grandparents and then came back to life. She remembered a beautiful city and meeting her grandparents. Pretty cool, right?

Student 2: It will be great to be with other children of God and the angels, but the best part about heaven is being with God! Heaven doesn't need light because the glory of God is so bright!

Student 1: How do you know that?

Student 2: God didn't show his glory to many people because it's too much for us. But the Bible records several accounts of men God brought to heaven for a glimpse of his glory.

Student 1: Wow! Did those people ask God all kinds of questions?

Student 2: No. They weren't thinking about their questions. In all their accounts, they were in fear and awe of God and couldn't move or speak without help. They fell on their faces!

Student 1: I've never heard about that before. What about the people who see heaven today and talk about feeling peaceful and happy and hugging people they've lost?

Student 2: We should be careful when we hear what people today say about their visits to heaven, especially when their stories don't match the Bible or even describe the most important person there—Jesus!

Student 1: Hmm. Now that you say that, I don't think that book my mom read really had anything about him. What's so important about Jesus?

Student 2: I'll be happy to tell you more on the ride home! My mom is parked over there. Come on!