

Facing the Last Enemy

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Introduction

What has been helpful for you in this series? What has impacted you most?

What Does the Bible Teach About Heaven and Hell?

What does the Bible teach about heaven?

- It is an embodied state. Following the intermediate state, our resurrected bodies and our souls will be reunited forever.
- It is shorthand for “the New Heavens and the New Earth” (Rev 21:1)
 - Creation as it is now will be thoroughly transformed (Rom 8:21-22)
- It is a state of everlasting rest (Heb 4:8-10)
 - God is worshipped night and day (Isa 6:1-4; Rev 4:1-11)
 - There is activity and fellowship with people we recognize
 - Sin and misery are absent (Eph 5:5-7; Rev 7:16-17)
 - Filled with joy, happiness, and holiness, in the presence of the triune God (Ps 16:11; Rev 21:2-4)

What does the Bible teach about hell?

- It is also an embodied state after the resurrection (Rev 21:8)
- It is the absence of rest and joy (Isa 48:22; Rev 14:11)
- Sin and misery are unrestrained (Titus 3:3)

Why tell us these things about hell?

- To show us the evil of sin and what sin deserves
- To show us our need to find refuge in Christ
- To stir the Christian’s heart to thankfulness

Why tell us these things about heaven?

- To help us in our pilgrimage in this world
 - It's a help toward holiness (1 Jn 3:3)
 - It reminds us that our lives have meaning and purpose, and that God will finish what He started (Phil 1:6)