



Welcome!



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Heaven : God's Promise Our Hope

- **God's Unbreakable Promise**
- **Our Living Hope**
- **Not escapism; it's reality**

Your True Home Is Waiting

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

John 14 1-3

**There are over 700 references to heaven in the Bible,
and Jesus spoke about heaven and the kingdom more than 100 times.**

- **Heaven is Real & Personal**
- **Our Ultimate Home**
- **This Earth is Temporary**

“We think of heaven as the afterlife, but it would be far more accurate to call our life on earth the before-life. Heaven is the real life — the life we were made for.”

Randy Alcorn

The Moment You Die You Live

“we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord” - 2 Cor. 5:8b

I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. - Phil. 1:23

- **Death Isn't The end**
- **Instant Transition**
- **No Soul Sleep**

“To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord — and that's the greatest comfort we have.” **Chuck Smith**

Earth Made New

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.” - Rev 21:1

- **God Doesn't Scape Creation**
- **No More Curse, Pain or Death**
- **Same World But Perfected**

“The New Earth will be this earth glorified – not destroyed and replaced, but renewed and perfected.” CS Lewis Paraphrase - Alcorn

Ruling With Christ Forever

“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” - Rev 5:10

- **Reign with Christ**
- **Rewards Based on Faithfulness**
- **Responsibility in Eternity**

“The Christian hope is not just to go to heaven when we die, but to return with Christ to reign on the renewed earth.” Tim Keller

Seeing God Face To face

“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is” - 1 John 3:2

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” - 1 Cor. 13:12

- **Beholding God Fully**
- **Worship, Joy Intimacy**
- **His Glory Unveiled**

“When we finally see the face of God, we will say with joy, ‘So it was You all along.’ We will realize we have always known Him.”

(Paraphrased from C.S. Lewis- The Four Loves)

No More Goodbyes

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.” - 2 Tim 2:12

- **No Death, No Separation**
- **Unending Fellowship with God**
- **Earthly Bonds Deepened**

The Hope That Changes Everything

“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” - Matt. 6:20-21

- **How will the reality of heaven Change the way we live Today?**
- **Heaven is not an Escape - It is Fuel**
- **Stay Faithful, Keep Running the Race**

***“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
Colossians 3:2***

***“Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim
at earth and you will get neither.”***

CS Lewis - Mere Christianity



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