



Heaven Pt. 2

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I've got my eye on the goal. God is beckoning us onward to Jesus. I am off and running and I'm not turning back. Let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything that God has for us.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14-15 (MSG)

I. Why Should I Focus on Heaven?

Focusing on Heaven...

- 1 Gives me **H O P E** in times of suffering and difficulty. (Romans 8:18)
- 2 Reminds us that God is in **C O N T R O L**. (Revelation 4:1-3)
- 3 Reminds us that this world is not our **H O M E**. (Philippians 3:20)
- 4 Ignites our passion to **S E R V E** the Lord. (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

COLOSSIANS 3:23 (NLT)

II. Questions about Heaven

- 1 What is Heaven like now?** (John 20:26-28, Romans 8:34)
- 2 How can we enjoy Heaven when we know people are in Hell?**
- 3 What about babies and children?**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

MATTHEW 19:14 (NIV)

...I will go to him, but he will not return to me.

2 SAMUEL 12:23 (NIV)

- 4 4. What about animals?**

*You will be completely **F U L F I L L E D** in Heaven, not **L A C K I N G** or **M I S S I N G** anything.

III. Come Home

- 1 A C C E P T** the invitation to the banquet

One of those at the table said, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses."

LUKE 14:15b-18a (NIV)

This is what God told us. God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life. But whoever does not have the Son of God, does not have life.

1 JOHN 5:11-12 (NCV)

I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it is a gift from God. It is not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (NCV)

2 **T H I N K** of Heaven often

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (MSG)

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2 (NLT)

It is a wonderful thing to be alive. If a person lives to be very old let him rejoice in every day of life, but let him also remember that eternity is far longer and that everything down here is futile in comparison.

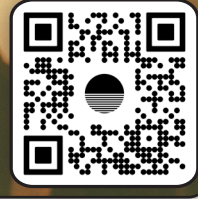
ECCLESIASTES 11:7-8 (LB)

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