

What does God want us to know about the place called Heaven?

Heaven – 8064 – lofty dwelling place/ Created place, created by God

Heaven – 3772 – The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God are the same, One is a place and one is a person!

Genesis 1: 1

Hell was created later: see Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28

Luke 10: 18 “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

Mathew 25: 41 “Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, ***prepared for the Devil and His angels***”

Jude 6 tells us that “the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, (God) hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day.”

Since hell was prepared for the Devil and his angels, all men who choose to serve the devil spend eternity in the place God has prepared as the eternal abode of Satan and his cohorts. Since Hell was not prepared for man, man will be out of place if he goes there; and to be out of place forever would be hell enough, even if that was all the that torment consisted of. But God tells us that that is not all there is.

Heaven is mentioned 569 out of 1189 chapters:

There are three words for Heaven in the OT and in the NT:

In the Old Testament:

1. *Shamayim* – a term used in speaking of heaven in general terms.
2. *Galgal* – used to reference to atmospheric heaven which envelops the earth.
3. *Shachaq* – a word which usually refers to the third heaven, the Father’s House.

In the New Testament

1. *Ournos* which is the immediate atmosphere which is around the earth.
2. *Mesouranema* which speaks of the second heaven which is the sky and the planets.
3. *Epouranios* – used in speaking of the third heaven, mentioned in John 14: 2 (the Father’s house) and in 2 Corinthians 12: 2 (caught up to the third heaven)

The first heaven around the earth will one day be destroyed by fire because of Satan.

Ephesians 2: 2 *“the prince of the power of the air”*

The second heaven is the place of the planets and the stars.

Ephesians 4: 7-10 *“He led captivity captive and ascended far above All heavens”*

We know very little about the third heaven. We simply know it is where the Father’s house is! It is the Dwelling place of God!

John 14: 2 *s In my Father’s house are many mansions! I am going to prepare a place for you! Not to build a mansion but to prepare a place for you!*

Both are kingdom dominion

Matthew 3: 2 *“Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”* and when Jesus was Baptized there was a voice from Heaven that said *“This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.”* Vs 7 and 4: 17 *“From that time began Jesus to preach, and to say, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

John 14: 1ff *There is a place, Jesus declared the place...*

Acts 7: 49 *“Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? Saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?”*

What does God want us to know about heaven the place that belongs to God???

1. He wants us to know that He created the place!

Genesis 1: 1 *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”*

2. He wants us to know that it is where the truth is settled!

Psalms 119: 89 *“Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”*

3. He wants us to know that it is where God has His residence!

Ecclesiastes 5: 2 *“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven and thou upon the earth: therefore let thy words be few.”*

4. He wants us to know that it is where blessings fall from!

Malachi 3: 10 *“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*

“Pour out” here is another word for empty out, I will turn the bucket up and empty out a blessing.

5. It is the place that has three special witnesses testifying!

1st John 5:7 *"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in the earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."*

But Jesus on the earth is the greatest testimony to the reality of heaven.

Matthew 11: 23 *"And thou, Capernaum, which are exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."*

6. He wants us to know that heaven is the place that He (God) wants us to come to live!

John 14: 1

John 13: 36 *"Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards."*

7. He wants us to know that it is a place where we can only go if we are changed! It will take a transforming miracle to get in!

1st Corinthians 15: 50 *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed..."*

8. He wants us to know that it is the final home of all that have become Just, righteous and Holy through the efforts of Jesus the Savior!

Revelation 22: 11-15

Vs 19 *"if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."*

9. But it is not a place where everyone will go!

Matthew 7: 21 *Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father that is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast our devils? And in thy name done many wonderful work? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

Matthew 25: 11 *"Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not."*

Luke 16: *the rich man lifted up his eyes in torment...*

Not a place for everyone! See Revelation 22: 15 *“For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”*

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- 10. *But the invitation is on right now, reservations are still being made but the time is limited! The only way to get your place is to call the representative of God that has paid for the rooms in this wonderful place.***

Revelation 22: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Vs 19 *“And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city...”*

But all will not come there! In Luke 16: 22 Lazarus the beggar died and was carried by Angels into Abraham’s bosom. The rich man died and was buried. Vs 23 And in Hell he opened his eyes being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried...

Revelation 22: 17 The invitation is on and the time is now.