

1. WHAT PROMISE IS WAITING FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS?

Matthew 5:12; John 14:2; Hebrews 11:16; 2 Peter 3:13

The Bible says: Great is your _____ in heaven. (Matt. 5:12) In My Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a _____ for you. (John 14:2) He has prepared a _____. (Heb. 11:16) We, according to His promise, look for new _____ and a new earth (2 Pet. 3:13)



Note: The promise of God is eternal life in heaven for all who accept Christ and are faithful to Him. The gift of eternal life in heaven is the reward of God's people. Jesus affirms this, stating that there are many mansions in heaven and He was going to go back to heaven to prepare a place for His people. Heaven, also referred to the New Jerusalem, will be "the city of God" (Ps. 46:4). It will be an enormous and immensely beautiful city. After this sinful earth comes to an end, God will restore the universe with a new heaven and a new earth.

2. WHERE IN THE UNIVERSE WILL HEAVEN BE LOCATED?

Revelation 21:1, 2; Matthew 5:5; Proverbs 11:31

The Bible says: I saw a new heaven and a _____...Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, _____. (Rev. 21:1, 2). For those blessed by Him shall inherit the _____. (Ps. 37:22) The righteous will be recompensed on the _____. (Prov. 11:31)

Note: After the fires of hell go out, John sees the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from heaven to this earth. The fires that the destroy the wicked will purify the earth, and God will set up a new heavenly kingdom here on this planet, making earth the dwelling place of God and the center of the universe. Earth will be our new home. That's why the Bible says the meek will "inherit the earth" (Mt. 5:5). Heaven will cover the ashes of the old world and the new earth will then become the home of the righteous (See Mal. 4:3).

3. WHAT WILL HEAVEN LOOK LIKE?

Revelation 21:18, 21; 22:2

The Bible says: The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was _____...The street of the city was _____. (Rev. 21:18, 21) On either side of the river, was the _____ of life. (Rev. 22:2)

Note: The Bible calls heaven the new Jerusalem. It will be a great city covering the earth. And while God's people are not confined to the city, they will enjoy their homes in this gigantic city (See John 14:2), which is surrounded by a thick wall with twelve gates. With walls of jasper, precious stones fill the city and make up its foundation (See Rev. 21:14-21). The city and the streets are pure gold, like clear glass. This world's treasures will be the streets and building blocks of heaven. It will be more beautiful than you could ever imagine.

4. WILL WE HAVE REAL BODIES IN HEAVEN AND BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER?

Philippians 3:21; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 13:12

The Bible says: Jesus...will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His _____. (Phil. 3:21) Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have _____ and _____. (Luke 24:39) Now I know in part, but then I shall _____ just as I also am known. (1 Cor. 13:12)



Note: At the resurrection, Jesus will change our old corruptible bodies into new immortal bodies (See 1 Cor. 15:54). The Bible says these new bodies will be like Jesus' glorified body after He rose from the grave. While He walked through a wall like a spirit, He still had a physical body (See John 20:19, 27). With this glorified body, He even ate with the disciples (See John 21:12, 13). The Bible says that while we will have new glorified bodies, we will still know and recognize each other, just as we are known.

5. HOW LONG WILL HEAVEN LAST?

John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:53; John 11:26

The Bible says: Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have _____ life. (John 3:16) This mortal must put on _____. (1 Cor. 15:53) Whoever...believes in Me shall _____. (John 11:26)



Note: Heaven will last forever and no one will ever die again (See Rev. 21:4) When we go to heaven, God promises to take away our old decaying bodies and give us new immortal bodies. In heaven, we will be eternally young and vibrant. In the midst of the city will be the tree of life, and the leaves will be "for the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:2). God offers the fountain of eternal youth for those who will simply turn to Christ. Throughout the rest of eternity, you will be able to enjoy the beauty and wonder of heaven, created just for you.

6. WHAT KIND OF THINGS WILL WE BE DOING IN HEAVEN FOR ETERNITY?

Zechariah 8:5; Isaiah 65:21; Psalm 37:4

The Bible says: The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls _____ in its streets. (Zech. 8:5) They shall _____ and inhabit them; They shall _____ and eat their fruit. (Isa. 65:21) The Lord...shall give you the _____ of your heart. (Ps. 37:4)

Note: The Bible says the streets of heaven will be full of children playing. We are told that leopards, lions, and other wild animals will be friendly in heaven, "and a little child shall lead them" (Isa. 11:6). You will be able to build houses, plant gardens, and do whatever kind of work you like to do. It will not be like earthly work. The work you will be doing will be things you love. You will be able to do anything! You can learn the piano, write stories, design homes, invent things, explore universes, and more. Let your imagination run wild! The Bible says that God will give you the desires of your heart!

7. WON'T WE GET BORED LIVING IN HEAVEN FOREVER?

1 Corinthians 2:9; Psalm 16:11

The Bible says: Eye has not _____, nor ear _____, nor have entered into the _____ of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Cor. 2:9) In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are _____ . (Ps. 16:11)

Note: No one will ever be bored in heaven. The Bible says we have never seen, heard of, or imagined anything as amazing as heaven. We can't even *imagine* how great it is going to be. In heaven you'll get to do all the things you never did here and you'll always be among friends! You can spend a thousand years with one group, then a thousand with another until you go through everyone, then start over again. You'll never get tired of new experiences. Heaven will be full of pure and righteous pleasures, without the sinful side effects.

8. WILL THERE BE ANY DEATH, SICKNESS, DISEASE, OR DISABILITIES IN HEAVEN?

Revelation 21:4; Isaiah 2:4; 35:5

The Bible says: There shall be _____ death, nor sorrow. (Rev. 21:4) Neither shall they learn _____. (Isa. 2:4) The eyes of the blind shall be _____, and the ears of the deaf shall be _____. (Isa. 35:5)



Note: In heaven there will be no sorrow, pain, crying, sickness, broken hearts, or death. We won't even grow tired (See Isa. 40:30). There will be no wars or conflicts. There will be no dangerous animals to threaten us (See Isa. 11:6-9). The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will walk, and all the ailments of this world will be healed (See Isa. 35:5-6). All these things are the result of sin, but God will make an end of sin, and we are promised that the affliction of sin "will not rise a second time" (Nah. 1:9). The universe will finally be safe.

9. IS HEAVEN REALLY WORTH THE SACRIFICE IT TAKES TO GET THERE?

Romans 8:18; Philippians 3:8; Matthew 13:45

The Bible says: The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be _____ with the _____. (Rom. 8:18) I...count all things _____ for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ. (Phil. 3:8) The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking _____. (Matt. 13:45)



Note: While the Christian life can be hard at times, if we could only envision what God has in store for us, we would never wonder if heaven was worth the sacrifice. Heaven is more amazing than our highest human imagination (See 1 Cor. 2:9)! Jesus tells a couple stories comparing heaven to a treasure that a man sold all his possessions for (See Matt. 13:44-46). No matter how hard life gets, the greatest trials in this life will appear miniscule in comparison to the knowledge of Christ and the gift of eternal life in heaven!

10. HOW CAN WE BE SURE HEAVEN IS REAL?

Hebrews 11:13, 16; Ecclesiastes 3:11

The Bible says: These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having _____ afar off were _____ of them... But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. (Heb. 11:13, 16) He has put _____ in their _____. (Eccl. 3:11)

Note: The fact that people all through history have endured pain and death to obtain heaven is proof that they were either crazy, or they had the assurance of heaven. Experiencing God and His miracles give us assurance that heaven is real. The Holy Spirit in us is "the guarantee of our inheritance" (Eph. 1:14). Some have even seen heaven in vision (See 2 Cor. 12:2; Rev. 4:2). Aside from this, God has put eternity in our hearts. This desire for something more than this life was placed in us by God to turn our eyes to the hope of heaven.

OUR ETERNAL HOME

