



# OUR HEAVENLY KINGDOM

I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU

JOHN 14:2-3 KJV

[2] In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

## HEBREWS 11:13-16 KJV

[13] These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. [14] For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. [15] And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. [16] But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

## SOME THINGS WE SHOULD TAKE AWAY FROM THIS SCRIPTURE:

### 1. HEAVEN IS GOD'S PROMISE TO HIS CHILDREN

A promise requires faith. We, as Christians, have faith in heaven even though in our lifetime we may not see the promise fulfilled. This is living and dying in faith.

### 2. GOD'S CHILDREN BELIEVE THAT HEAVEN IS HOME

A yearning for something better, an anticipation that this earth is temporary and as such, we become strangers and exiled in a country (earth) to which we don't belong.

### 3. HEAVEN PROVES GOD'S DESIRE TO KEEP US FOREVER

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### 4. HEAVEN IS A DOMAIN BEYOND THIS EARTH AND BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION WHERE GOD RESIDES

Paul refers to this as the "third" heaven, the first refers to the sky, the second refers to outer space.

ACTS 7:55 KJV

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

We hear people's opinion of what heaven is like and we may even have our own thoughts but Scripture must be the conclusive authority informing our beliefs of heaven because it is the word of God, who created heaven. Who better to know?

# TRUTHS ABOUT HEAVEN:

## 1. HEAVEN REALLY IS THE HOME OF GOD

MATTHEW 6:9 KJV

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

## 2. THE SON LEFT HEAVEN TO COME TO EARTH

JOHN 6:38 KJV

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

## 3. JESUS RETURNED TO HEAVEN AFTER HIS RESURRECTION

HEBREWS 9:24 KJV

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

## 4. BELIEVERS WHO HAVE DIED ARE NOW IN HEAVEN

JOHN 14:3 KJV

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

## 5. WHEN A BELIEVER DIES, THE SOUL GOES DIRECTLY TO HEAVEN

The moment we take our last breath on earth, we take our first breath in heaven. The soul departs the body and remains with the Lord until the judgement when we will receive our new, glorified body like the resurrected body of Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:23 KJV

For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

2 CORINTHIANS 5:2-3 KJV

[2] For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: [3] If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:14 KJV

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

## 6. WE WILL BE REUNITED WITH DEPARTED BELIEVERS

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18 KJV

[16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

## 7. WE WILL RECOGNIZE ONE ANOTHER IN HEAVEN

Not only will we recognize people we have known on the earth but we will also know people we have not actually met personally, but will recognize them as who they are. Example, we will know Moses, David, Abraham, etc..

## 8. FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE SPIRITUAL, NOT EARTHLY

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## 9. THERE IS AN EXISTING HEAVEN AND A NEW HEAVEN TO COME

REVELATION 21:1 KJV

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

## 10. THERE'LL BE NO EVIL, ONLY PERFECT, UNENDING JOY

REVELATION 21:4 KJV

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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2 TIMOTHY 4:18 KJV

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1 KJV

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

JOHN 6:38 KJV

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21 KJV

[20] For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: [21] Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.