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The Hope of Heaven Series

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Introduction

- We continue our series: "The Hope of Heaven."
- Today's message explores several **perplexing questions** about heaven.
- Our goal: clarity, comfort, and confidence in God's promises.

1. What Happens to Infants and Small Children Who Die Prematurely?

A. The Character of God

- God is compassionate and just (Psalm 86:15).
- Adults are accountable for creation's testimony (Romans 1), but children are not.
- Israel's example shows God distinguishes between adults and children (Deuteronomy 1:39).

B. The **Compassion** of the Savior

- Jesus does not desire that any child perish (Matthew 18:14).
- Infants, miscarried babies, aborted babies, and those unable to understand are received into heaven.

C. The Child of David

• David said of his child: "I shall go to him" (2 Samuel 12:23).

• Believers can expect to see their children again.

2. Will Heaven Be Boring?

A. Is God Boring?

- God is the source of joy (Psalm 16:11).
- Heaven reflects His creativity and goodness.

"Our belief that heaven will be boring portrays a heresy that God is boring. There is no greater nonsense. Our desire for pleasure and the experience of joy come directly from God's hands. He made our taste buds, adrenaline, desire for pleasure.

Likewise, our imaginations and capacity for joy and exhilaration were made by the very God we accuse of being boring. Are we so arrogant that we imagine that human beings came up with the idea of having fun?" – Randy Alcorn

B. Are **People** Boring?

- Perfect fellowship with the redeemed (<u>Hebrews 12:22-23</u>).
- No conflict, dishonesty, or manipulation.

C. Will Our Work Be Boring?

- Believers serve God joyfully (Matthew 25:21).
- Heaven fulfills the longing of believers (Romans 8:22-23).

3. Will There Be Animals in Heaven?

- God created and values animals (Genesis 6:19; Proverbs 12:10).
- Animals were present in Eden, in the Ark, and at Christ's birth.

• Likely presence of animals in God's renewed creation.

4. Will There Be Marriage in Heaven?

- Earthly marriage will not continue in heaven (Matthew 22:30).
- Marriage points to Christ and the believer.
- Relationships in heaven will be deeper and free from sorrow.

5. Do People in Heaven Now See What Happens on Earth?

- Possible heavenly awareness (<u>Hebrews 12:1</u>).
- Joy in heaven when someone is saved (Luke 15:10).
- The redeemed may celebrate earthly victories.

Conclusion

- Heaven is real joyful, relational, purposeful, and full of God's glory.
- The greatest question: Are you prepared for eternity?