

What is Heaven Like?

John 14:1-6

inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled (cf. 1 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Peter 1:11)

Paradise (cf. Ps. 16:11; 23:6; 73:24-25; Luke 23:43; John 3:16)

the city of the living God; the heavenly Jerusalem; tabernacle of God; holy city; celestial city, new Jerusalem (cf. Gal. 4:26; Heb. 11:10, 16; 12:22-24; 13:14; Rev. 3:12; 21:2-21; 22:19)

twelve thousand stadios = roughly 1400 miles

- **stadios (στάδιος)** = "a measure of distance of about 600 feet or 185 meters—**stade**"

I. Heaven is R_____ Place (vs. 1-2)

- a. **Do not let your heart be troubled** = they are already distressed
- b. **believe in God, believe also in Me** = focusing on your Savior instead of your stress is Jesus' cure for anxiety (cf. Matt. 6:25-34; John 16:33; Phil. 4:4-7)
- c. **My Father's house** = the Temple (Location, Location, Location)
- d. **if it were not so, I would have told you** = a type of Jewish oath

II. Heaven is an I_____ Place (v. 3)

- a. **I, I, Myself, I** = Jesus refers to Himself 4 times in this one verse because He is the focus!
- b. Heaven has many blessings, but what truly makes it glorious and brilliant is Jesus! (cf. Rev. 21:3-4)

III. Heaven is an E_____ Place (v. 4-6)

- a. **I AM = ego eimi (ἐγώ εἰμι)** = the tetragram YHWH (יהוה) Yahweh (Ex. 3:14)
 - i. **I AM the Bread of life**
 - ii. **I AM the Light of the world**
 - iii. **I AM the Door of the sheep**
 - iv. **I AM the Good Shepherd**
 - v. **I AM the Resurrection and the Life**
 - vi. **I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life**
 - vii. **I AM the true Vine** (cf. John 6:35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12; 8:58; 9:5; 10:7, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5; 18:15)
- b. **the way** = you are immortal and there are only two paths you can go by (cf. Ps. 1:6; 16:11; 84:11; John 14:15, 21, 23; Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22)
 - i. be a twice born disciple of Christ, bound for heaven
 - ii. or be an unrepentant sinner, bound for hell
- c. **the truth** = Jesus is the truth personified (cf. John 17:17; Col. 2:9)
- d. **the life** = ³¹... "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

IV. Now What?

- a. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:20-21)