

Series: "HEAVEN, HELL & THE END OF THE WORLD"
 Part 7: "THE HOPE OF HEAVEN"
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Heaven Defined:

➤ **The most basic sense:**

- **Heaven is seen as the place where God _____**

¹ This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Isaiah 66:1a (NIV)

- See: Matthew 6:9; 7:21; 16:17; 18:10; 18:19

➤ **Immediate Heaven:**

- **The place where God's people dwell with Him following _____ while awaiting their _____ resurrection**

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.....⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:6 & 8 (NIV)

¹ Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)

➤ **Eternal Heaven:**

- **The _____ where God will dwell with His people in unhindered and unimaginable joy**

- See: Isaiah 65:17-19; 66:22-23; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Romans 8:19-21

➤ **Therefore:**

- **The ultimate end of the Gospel is _____ that we will go to Heaven, but that Heaven will _____ to us!**

Heaven Described:

- **Heaven is a _____, not simply a state of _____**

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3 (NIV)

- See: Acts: 1:9-11; Acts 7:55-56; Revelation 21 & 22

- **Heaven is a place of full _____ with God**

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

- **Heaven is a place completely free of _____**

²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:27 (NIV)

- **Heaven is a place of great _____**

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV)

- **Heaven is a place of incomparable beauty, joy, and abundance in the _____ of God**

- See: Revelation 21 & 22

