

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL
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I. WHY DON'T NON-RELIGIOUS PEOPLE BELIEVE HEAVEN IS REAL OR THERE IS AN AFTERLIFE?

- A. For us Baptists and other Christians the Bible is proof enough. But what about people who don't accept our Bible?
- B. There are at least six non Biblical arguments for the existence of God, heaven and the afterlife.
 - 1. The Argument From Design also called the "Teleological Argument".
 - 2. The Argument From Anthropology.
 - 3. The Argument from Cause-Effect also called the "Cosmological Argument".
 - 4. The Argument From Ontology.
 - 5. The Argument From Morality.
 - 6. Pascal's Wager.

II. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE REALITY OF HEAVEN?

- A. There are many people who have said they had a "near-death" experiences then went on to write books and make movies about them.
- B. Although such movies tickle our curiosity, Billy Graham once said "**God may give some people a glimpse of heaven, although I believe such instances are rare and need to be treated with caution.**" (Answers Dec. 6, 2012).
- C. Let's consider 7 things the Bible says about heaven.
 - 1. First, Jesus is in heaven right now—1 Peter 3:21-22.
 - 2. Second, Jesus is preparing a place in heaven for Christians—John 14:2.
 - 3. Third, there millions of angels in heaven—Heb. 12:22.
 - 4. Fourth, our ultimate residence as Christians is to be heaven—Phil. 3:20-21.
 - 5. Fifth, heaven is a place where there will be no more sorrow or pain—Rev. 21:4.
 - 6. Sixth, Jesus will return to earth from heaven someday—1 Thess. 4:16.
 - 7. Seventh, heaven is a glorious place—Rev.21:23.