

DOCTRINE OF HEAVEN

MAN'S ETERNAL STATE

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Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 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.

Joh 14:3 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.

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

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For he looked for a city which hath foundations - He knew that earth could afford no permanent residence for an immortal mind, and he looked for that heavenly building of which God is the architect and owner; in a word, he lost sight of earth, that he might keep heaven in view. And all who are partakers of his faith possess the same spirit, walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Isa 64:4 For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

1. **HEAVEN-** Is the dwelling place of the redeemed.

Heaven is not only place where the throne of God is and the elect and angels dwell, but is the everlasting home of the redeemed of all mankind. The Hebrew word “*shaw-mah'-yim, shaw-meh'* the second form being dual of an unused singular; from an unused root meaning to

be lofty; the sky. The Greek word “Ouranoi” is translated “the heavens, the skies.”

2. **Heaven is an actual Place:**

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Gen 2:4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

Deu 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD'S thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*.

3. **Heaven is spoken of as God's dwelling place:**

2Ch 6:25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

2Ch 6:33 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

2Ch 6:35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Heb 1:11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

4. **The Heavens were created by the Lord God:**

1Ch 16:26 For all the gods of the people *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

1Ch 16:27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place.

1Ch 16:31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

Job 9:8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

THREE PARTS OF THE HEAVENS

1. **The Scriptures teach that there are three parts of the heavens**, and that these heavens are the reality of the shadow cast on earth in two places in the Old Testament: **Tabernacle of Moses; Solomon's Temple**; The earthly sanctuaries were a shadow of the heavenly.

Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

Heb 8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Heb 8:3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

Heb 8:4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

Heb 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Psa 19:1 <To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Psa 19:2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Psa 19:3 *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard.

Psa 19:4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Psa 19:5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Psa 19:6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

FIRST HEAVEN

1. **The First Heaven, from man's point of view, is the atmospheric heaven.** It is the heaven immediately above and surrounding the planet earth. It is the atmospheric heaven man depends on for breath, substance and earth productions, by wind, sun, and rain.
2. **It corresponds to the Outer Court of the Tabernacle of Moses.** This heaven is to be followed by a new heaven and new earth in due time. This first heaven that we now live on, is to be rolled up as a scroll and melt with fervent heat.

Gen 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Rev 21:1 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.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. **It is the heaven that is “shut up” and withholds the rain from man when he sins against God.**

2Ch 6:26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;

2Ch 6:27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

Deu 28:23 And thy heaven that *is* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee *shall be* iron.

Deu 28:24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

4. **It is this First Heaven that is polluted by the presence of Satan and his demonic force until they are cast out of this realm.** Then will the heavens be completely cleansed.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

1Jo 5:19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

1Jo 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jo 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jo 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

CON'T NEXT WEEK: "Second and Third Heavens"