

LESSON 2 Where is Heaven and When is Heaven?

Revelation 11:12a "Then they heard a loud voice from Heaven saying to them, 'Come up here!'" ESV



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WHERE IT ISN'T...

A. It is not "nothingness".

"Soon you will read in the newspaper that I am dead. Don't believe it for a moment. I will be more alive than ever before."

D. L. Moody

B. It is not a "<u>state</u>".

C. It is not a "<u>cosmos</u>".

D. It is not a long way off.

WHERE IS IT?

A. It is a **<u>place</u>**.

- 1. It is a **location**.
- 2. It is where Jesus is.
- 3. It is **<u>where</u>** we will **join** Him.

B. The **geography** of Heaven.

- 1. Heaven is described as <u>up</u>.
 - a. It is <u>large</u>.
 - b. Specific measurements are likely figurative.

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- 2. Heaven is another <u>dimension</u>.
 - a. It is <u>far</u> and <u>near</u>.
 - b. It is all around us.

WHEN IS IT?

A. It is being with Jesus immediately.

"Earth recedes...Heaven opens before me!"

D. L. Moody on his deathbed

- 1. The spirit returns... Ecclesiastes 12:7
- 2. <u>Today</u> you will be <u>with</u> me... Luke 23:43
- <u>Absent</u> from the body...<u>present</u> with the Lord... II Corinthians 5:8

B. Being <u>conscious</u> with Jesus

- 1. Jesus' parable... Luke 6:22-31
- 2. Martyrs communicating with God... Revelation 6:9-11

REFLECTION What did God show me today?

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 3

"This earthly body is slow and heavy in all its motions, listless and soon tired with action. But our heavenly bodies shall be as fire; as active and as nimble as our thoughts are."

Benjamin Calamy

Day 1

1. Read Genesis 1:27. How are man and woman described? If mankind was made in God's image, what can believers assume regarding our eternal destiny? Explain.

2. As we consider the resurrection of our earthly bodies, what do Matthew 19:28 and Ephesians 3:20 teach about God? How do those verses relate to our eternal future?

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Day 2

3. Read Mark 9:2-9 and describe the events. What significant facts regarding our future bodies do you learn from the occasion?

4. Read John 11:38-44 and describe the events. What do you learn about Jesus? How does that relate to our future? What can you learn about our future bodies from this incident?

Day 3

5. Read I Corinthians 15:42-44 and describe the characteristics of our new bodies. How do these verses compare and contrast our new bodies with our earthly bodies? Give examples.

6. Read I Corinthians 15:47 and 52-53, and describe more characteristics of our new bodies. Compare and contrast with our earthly bodies. Give examples.

Day 4

7. Read I John 3:2 and Philippians 3:20-21 and explain. How does that apply to your life today? 8. Read John 20:3-8, 14-16, 19-23, 21:5 and 9; Luke 24:13-32, 36-43; and describe Jesus' resurrection body. Based on the verses in question 7, what does this mean to you and me?



OPTIONAL:

For further study read Romans 8:21; I Corinthians 15:49; and Philippians 3:21. What do these verses teach us about God? What do these verses teach us about our future? How does this knowledge affect your life today?

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE:

Memorize I John 3:2b.