

WE WILL CONSIDER

- Heaven is the place where God lives.
- The angels and Jesus Christ are in heaven but people do not go to heaven when they die.
- In the future the earth will be like it is in heaven. Our hope is to be a part of this Kingdom on earth.

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Heaven

What is Heaven?

In the Bible, heaven sometimes means the sky, where the clouds, sun, moon and stars are. For example, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night.” (Genesis 1:14-17) “The windows of heaven were opened. And rain fell upon the earth” (Genesis 7:11-12). (See also: Genesis 1:20; Psalm 19:1)

Heaven is also used to describe the place where God lives, which is beyond the heavens we can see. “The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!” (Psalm 113:4) “God is in heaven and you are on earth” (Ecclesiastes 5:2). (See also: Psalm 11:4, 14:2; Isaiah 66:1; Daniel 2:44; Matthew 5:45.)

Even though God lives in heaven, He is also everywhere all the time. “Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. ‘Do I not fill heaven and earth?’ declares the LORD.” (Jeremiah 23:24; 1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 139:7-12)

Who else is in Heaven?

- The angels are in heaven (Mark 12:25; Matthew 24:36).
- Jesus Christ is in heaven. He went up to heaven after he was raised from the dead and is now at God's right hand (Acts 1:11, Hebrews 8:1).
- The Bible does not teach that people go to heaven when they die (Acts 2:34; Ecclesiastes 9:4-10; Psalm 89:48; Ezekiel 18:4). Eternal life will be given to the faithful when Christ returns to raise the dead and set up God's kingdom on earth (Daniel 2:44, 12:2; John 11:24-25; Matthew 6:9-10).

God's House

God lives in heaven but He also has a 'house' with His people.

- In the days of Moses, the Israelites built God a tabernacle (or tent) for God to live in (Exodus 25:8).

“The glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle” (Exodus 40:34)

- King Solomon built God a temple, which was called the house of the LORD. (1 Kings 7:51, 8:10-13).

“The glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.” (1 Kings 8:11)

“Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, ‘Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house will you build for Me’, says the Lord ... ‘did not My hand make all these things?’” (Acts 7:48-50)

- God lives with everyone “who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word” (Isaiah 66:2). ‘For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them ...” Therefore ... touch no unclean thing’ (2 Corinthians 6:16-18). ‘Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?’ (1 Corinthians 3:16)

- God dwells in the congregation of people who seek Him. “You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God ... Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure ... grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Heaven on Earth

Jesus prayed, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:9-10)

God lives in heaven. One day God will live on earth as well (Revelation 21:3)

When Jesus Christ returns to the earth, he will destroy the wicked and the faithful will become like the angels (Psalm 92:7; Luke 20:35-36). Everyone on earth will know God's glory, which is His mercy, grace, love, faithfulness and justice (Exodus 33:18-34:7; Romans 8:18). Earth will be a beautiful place where only what God wants will happen, just like it does in heaven now (Isaiah 2:2-5; Micah 4:1-5; Isaiah 35).

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14; Numbers 14:21).

More information

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SUMMARY

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