

# WHAT IS HEAVEN

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We were made for more than an existence only on this earth for the short life we have here. God even puts a desire for more than this earth in each of us and we long for more than this earth and this life can ever offer; this life and this earth is just not enough for us.

Our Desire Is For \_\_\_\_\_ Life

† Ecclesiastes 3:11... He has also set eternity in the hearts of men;

Heaven Is \_\_\_\_\_

† Colossians 3:1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on **the realities of heaven**, where Christ sits at God's right hand in the place of honor and power.

Heaven is \_\_\_\_\_ – awesome means extremely impressive or daunting; inspiring great admiration, apprehension, or fear

† Genesis 28:12 As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from earth to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down on it.

† Genesis 28:17 He was afraid and said, "**What an awesome place this is!** It is none other than the house of God—the **gateway to heaven!**"

To Understand Heaven We Define It - Heaven is a place of being eternally in the presence of God after death. In Hebrew and Greek - region above the earth: the heavens: place of the stars, sky, air; heaven: the invisible realm of God

To Understand Heaven We **Contrast** It With Hell

Hell Is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ From God

† Luke 13:24 "The door to heaven is narrow... 25 but when the head of the house has locked the door, **it will be too late**. Then you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I do not know you...' 28 "And there will be great **weeping and gnashing of teeth**, for you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets within the Kingdom of God, but **you will be thrown out**.

† Luke 16:19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a

beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, **but now he is comforted here and you are in agony**.

† 2Thessalonians 1:8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with **everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord** and from the majesty of his power

In Heaven There Is No \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

† Revelation 21:1 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. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live 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.**" 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 **He who overcomes will inherit all this**, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

How Do We Get To Heaven?

† Romans 10:13 For "**Anyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be **saved**."