

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HEAVEN?

Notice that the question doesn't ask, "What does **my** church say..." or "What does this person or that person say..." or "What do the Baptist's or Lutheran's or Catholic's say..." We need to know what the Bible says because it is God's Word. *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, (2 Peter 1:21).* God's Word never changes. *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven, (Psalm 119:89).* *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away, (Matthew 24:35).* So let's look at what the Bible says about Heaven.

Where is Heaven?

Heaven is where God lives. But someone may say, "Then Heaven is everywhere, because God is omnipresent, (everywhere present at the same time)." This is true, but there is a "place" that the Bible says is the place where God lives. *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us... (Hebrews 9:24).* ...*Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God... (1 Peter 3:21-22).*

What is Heaven?

Heaven is a wonderful place! It is a place where nothing dies. It is a place where no sorrow or sadness will ever be found. It is a place where there will be no pain. It is a place where there will be no crying. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away, (Revelation 21:4).* When a believer dies, he or she is immediately transported to heaven where they will see Jesus. *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8).* Truly Heaven is a wonderful place!

There will be no evil in Heaven. Satan and his angels will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever, (Revelation 20:10).* ...*God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment, (2 Peter 2:4).*

Where would you rather spend eternity?

The Bible tells us that there are only two eternal dwelling places – Heaven or Hell. In Luke 16:19-31 we have the true story of the rich man and Lazarus. It is not a parable because Jesus never used personal names in His other parables. Verses 22 and 23 tell us where people go when they die. *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (vss. 22-23).*

Once we die and step through that eternal doorway our fate is sealed. There will never be another opportunity to change our destination. Many theories concerning "the

after life” have been invented by man but they are all lies. The Bible gives no support to the theory of reincarnation, total annihilation, purgatory, or any such waiting place. Remember, our fate is sealed after death. It will be impossible to cross from one place to the other. *And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence (vs. 26).*

Do you know when you will die?

To be sure we will not be able to escape death or judgement. *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment... Hebrews 9:27.* And since there is only one of two places where we will spend eternity, wouldn't it be grand if we could know which place it would be? The truth is, we can know NOW where we will spend eternity and WE ARE THE ONES who will determine the destination. It is a decision that we make once and for all, and it does not take a life time of good works. The decision to spend eternity in Heaven can be made in less than a minute. Once you make such a decision you will never have to worry about your destiny again.

Yes, it is possible to know for sure that you will go to Heaven when you die. *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God (1 John 5:13).*

We are talking about the act of salvation. Salvation is a miraculous act of God. The marvel of salvation takes place the moment a sinner receives the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart. This is done through an act of faith or belief.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name... John 1:12

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

Before a sinner receives Jesus he must first recognize that he is lost. He must realize that without Christ he cannot go to Heaven. Then he must be shown from the Bible that in order to be saved (born again) he must repent and receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Every sinner that is led to Jesus (that is, shown the way of salvation) will exercise their own free will by either rejecting or receiving Christ. The old saying, “you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink” is true with sinners. You can lead a sinner to Jesus, but you can't make him receive Christ. The sinner must make that choice.

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... Romans 3:10

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God... Romans 3:23

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

And Jesus answering said unto them, ... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:2,3

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...Acts 3:19

*Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. **2 Corinthians 7:9-10***

Act 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you every received the Lord Jesus as your Savior? Cry out to Him now, ask Him to forgive your sin and then receive him into your heart. *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life (Romans 10:13).* Don't wait for tomorrow may be to late!

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