

feel a sense of self-worth because one who knows you best loves you most.

12. What kind of activities will there be on the new earth?

1Cor 6:2-3 Judge the angels	Isa 65:17 Watch God create Earth II
Isa 65:21-22 Build a dream home	Isa 65:25 Play with the animals
Isa 66:22-23 Worship God face to face	Matt 8:11 Talk with bright minds
Rev 3:21 Reign with God	Rev 19:7-9 Eat the best food

Just think of a place where we don't have to watch our back and we're completely safe (no locks on the doors). Think of a place where there is no more death, pain, or crying. Think of a place where we don't have to pay taxes. Even working will be different. Before sin, the work Adam and Eve did was without sweat and pain. In the new earth our work will be enjoyable. There will be no competition of any kind. Every conceivable aspect about our society will be pure and selfless.

13. What does John say we must do in order to have a right to enter heaven? Revelation 22:14

Note: So if keeping God's commandments gives us a right to enter in the city then those who do not keep God's commandments do not have a right to enter the city. John says that we must keep God's commandments, all ten of them, including the seventh-day Sabbath. Remember the fact that is only possible to keep God's law by faith. We don't try to earn salvation by doing right, but Jesus said in John 14:15, "if you love Me, keep my commandments" Love is the ONLY reason to do right and want to be saved.

14. What promise does give His people who are looking forward to heaven and the new earth? John 14:1-3

Note: Jesus promised that He would come again so we can be where He is. However, our goal in the Christian experience should not be to make it heaven (yes, you just read that)! Neither should it be to avoid the lake of fire/hell. Our goal as Christians should be to live like Jesus and reflect His character and in turn we will make it into the kingdom of heaven.

MY CHOICE: I want to live for Jesus and follow his lead in my life wherever he guides me. I want to be baptized or re-baptized and become a member of His last day remnant church that teaches the truth. I don't want to let anything hold me back from fully following Him.

Journey With Jesus



Lesson #25 Our Eternal Vacation Destination

Many people believe that heaven is a wishful fantasy that weak minded people cling to in order to cope with or escape from the tough realities of life here on earth. Some assume that everyone will make it to heaven. Others say there is no heaven. Perhaps the reason why we're not excited about heaven is because we don't know what God has in store for us. What if we're not going to just sit on clouds and play harps all day? What does the Bible say heaven is like?

1. What does God plan to do for planet earth? Acts 3:20-21

Note: God plans to restore planet earth just like it was before the fall of man. Before sin existed the animals and nature were in perfect harmony. Death had no place in this world and there was no such thing as fear. The seasons did not have an extreme element. The animals played peacefully together. That is how it is going to be again. Recognizing the effect that sin has had on this world, God's people throughout the ages have longed for heaven.

2. What did Abraham look forward to? Hebrews 11:8-10

Note: Abraham proved that this world was not his home by following God.

3. What would Moses refuse to enjoy because he looked forward to heaven? Hebrews 11:24-26

Note: Moses looked beyond the sinful pleasures of this world. He put his focus on eternity and not on the present. Notice the following illustration:

Eternity past Your life – the present Eternity future

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Where should you place the emphasis, the dot or the line? Logic and reason says that the emphasis should be on the line, but how many today are living for the dot? That means we should be living our lives (the dot) as Abraham and Moses did, like we are preparing for an eternity (the line) in heaven.

4. What did the Bible call the worthies in the hall of faith?
Hebrews 11:13

Note: When we are at the hospital at the bedside of our mother and doctors tell us there's nothing more they can do, we know this world is not our home. We weren't made to die. We were made to live forever. There must be something more. We cry out for eternity and God speaks.

5. What did the Bible say the worthies look forward to?
Hebrews 11:16

6. How many heavens are there? Genesis 1:6-8 (sky) Psalm 19:1-6 (outer space) Matthew 6:9 (Heaven, the dwelling place of God)

Note: The first heaven is where the birds are. The second heaven is where the stars and planets are. The third heaven is where God is.

7. How big is heaven? Rev 21:14, 18-21



Note: The city is perfectly square (Rev 21:16). Its perimeter is 12,000 furlongs, or 1,500 miles (a furlong is 1/8 mile). You can see from the picture that heaven would cover nine states. It is 375 miles long on each side (These

measurements vary from depending on the source). That means there's plenty of room for those who want to be there. The streets and the city are made of pure transparent gold (Rev 21:21). The walls are made of jasper (Rev 21:18). It has twelve gates made of one pearl (Rev 21:21).

8. What spiritual lesson do the gates teach? Revelation 21:13

Note: In biblical times, walls were meant to keep people out. That is why there was usually only one gate to a city, but in heaven there's four, one for each direction. God is giving an appeal to people in all directions to enter.

The names of the 12 tribes were written on the gates, probably four per gate. The 12 sons of Israel were perfect right, wrong! Each of them had issues to overcome just as we do. When we see their faults and recognize that they will be in the kingdom we are encouraged that there's hope for us.

9. What will be our physical condition in the New Earth?
Philippians 3:20-21

Note: If God is going to transform our bodies to be like Jesus' body then What kind of body did Jesus have after He was resurrected? Luke 24:38-39 tells us that he had a body of flesh and blood, only perfected or glorified. Paul was clear in 1Cor 13:12 that would look the same in heaven as he did on earth.

10. What hope does God give the physically disabled? Isaiah 35:5-6

Note: In the kingdom of heaven those who have given their lives to Jesus despite their handicap will have their bodies perfectly restored. 1Corinthians 15:52-54 tells us that when Jesus comes again our bodies are going to be changed and perfected. That is great news!

11. What does God have planned for us in heaven? 1Corinthians 12:9

Note: We don't know exactly what God has prepared for us in His kingdom, but Bible definitely gives us some clues: Music, artwork, architecture, and pure and selfless relationships where no one misunderstands anyone. Can you image a place where there is no friction or conflict between people? There will be a safe atmosphere where we feel secure in God's love. We will