

Looking Toward Heaven, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

- A. We have to be heavenly minded to be any earthly good.
- B. Heaven is a place.
- C. In a way, heaven is also a state. We experience the attitudes of heaven. (Philippians 3:21)
- D. Heaven is far and near.
- E. It is immense and eternal. (Ezekiel 1, Revelation 3:12)
- F. Text: Revelation 21-22.

II. The new heaven will engulf everything. (Isaiah 65:17, 66:27)

- A. We will never remember the old heavens and earth.
- B. The new heavens will not change. (Psalm 102:25-26, Hebrews 1:10, II Peter 3:16, Job 15:15, Isaiah 24:5)

III. God will renovate the heavens and the earth—it will be different. (II Peter 3:5, Luke 17, II Corinthians 5)

- A. There will be no more disasters.
- B. There will be no more demons.
- C. The meek will rule. (Matthew 5:5)
- D. There will be no more sea. (Matthew 18, Revelation 22:1)
- E. The New Jerusalem will already have been prepared—it will come down from the third heaven to earth. (Hebrews 12:22, Revelation 19:9)
- F. It will be a perfect place with perfect people.
- G. God's glory will be manifest there. God will light the whole place with His glory. (Isaiah 60:19, Revelation 21:23)
- H. The city will be like a diamond.

- I. The design of the city demonstrates unbelievable beauty.
- J. Heaven is entered through by the wounds of the redeemer.
- K. The tree of life is there for the healing of the nation.
- L. A river runs through the city as a source of sustenance. (Psalm 46:4)
- M. No substance is needed, but all are enjoyed.
- N. The curse and sin will end.
- O. There will be communion with God forever.

IV. We get to heaven through Jesus—He shows us the Father. (John 14)

Application questions:

1. What characteristic of the new heavens and earth stands out to you the most? What strikes you about it?

2. Why is a focus on heaven important for our behavior on earth?

3. What is most surprising about the Bible's picture of heaven? Explain.
