

Looking Toward Heaven, part 6: The Vision of God, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Paul saw enough of heaven to know that to die is gain. (2 Corinthians 12:2)

B. Our relationship to God is the most glorious aspect about heaven.

II. We will be with God in heaven (fellowship).

A. This is the supreme joy of heaven since God is extreme.

B. Salvation is fellowship with God. (1 John 1)

C. Jesus longs to be with us in heaven.

1. Jesus wants us to be participators and not spectators.

2. We will be with Jesus.

D. God is heaven. (John 14)

1. We are going to a person.

2. Going to God is the greatest reunion. (1 Thessalonians 4)

3. Being in the presence of God is terrible unless we are made holy. (Revelation 21)

III. We will see God.

A. The Bible teaches that no one will see God. (Exodus 33, John 1:18, 1 John 4:12, 1 Peter 1:8, 1 Timothy 6:15-16)

B. This means that we must be different than we now are. He is too pure to have iniquitous man look upon him.

C. We will see the revealed light of God. (Psalm 104:2, Exodus 24:17, Psalm 36:9, Matthew 5:8, Psalm 42:1-2, Revelation 22:3, 1 Corinthians 15:28)

D. We will know about God. (1 Corinthians 13:12, 1 John 3:1-2, Psalm 17:15)

Application Questions:

1. Why might some fear the idea of the presence of God?

2. What is your emotional response to the idea of God's presence?

3. What does it mean to "see God?" Explain.
