

Questions About Heaven

We all have questions about Heaven. Some time ago, the youth at my church wrote out some of their questions about Heaven and some about life and death as well. I thought I would share those questions with you:

Will we only praise Jesus in Heaven?

Yes.

He died for every person present in Heaven, and the joy and celebration of Heaven is all about Him.

Revelation 5:9-14 *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in Heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.”*

How long will we be there?

For ever and ever.

Revelation 22:5 *“And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.”* We will come back to earth for the 1000 year reign with Christ.

If you are saved and you sin before you die and you don't ask forgiveness what will happen?

You will go to Heaven.

The life God gives a sinner when he saves him is *eternal* life. John

10:28 *“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*

If my mamaw and papaw die before I do, will they know what I'm doing on earth?

No.

A saved person dies and goes into the presence of God. There, they are sinless and cannot look on the sinful earth. They only know perfection. The only thing they know in Heaven about earth is when a sinner gets saved, as we are told in Luke 15:7 *“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.”*

Is it wrong to love your parent more than God?

Yes.

Luke 14:26 *“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”* Hate does not mean you dislike your family. It means your love for God is so great your love for your family seems like hate.

What is the point of having other planets?

They are a part of God's universe. Earth is only one small speck of God's creation, and He chose to put man on earth. Scientists have found other worlds besides the one we know about (9 planets including earth, the moon, the sun, the stars). We will share them in eternity, for then all of God's universe will belong to His people. Astrologers say man can only see 6000 stars from the earth with the eye. Yet there are as many stars in the heavens as there are grains of sand on the earth. Every star is *bigger* than planet earth!

My friend does not want to hear about God. When I mention Jesus, he says “get over it. He is not real.”

Your friend is an unbeliever. Most of the people in the world are unbelievers and think like your friend. The Bible calls people like your friend “scoffers:” II Peter 3:3 *“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts”* Don't be bothered by him. Just let your light shine, and he may change his mind when he sees Christ in you.

Will I know every body in Heaven like I know them down here?

Yes.

I Corinthians 13:12 *“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but*

then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

To go to Heaven into the presence of Holy God requires a change. To be in Christ's presence requires one to be like Him. We are told in I John 3:2 *we will be like Him in Heaven: “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”* Now, if you are like Christ, you have His mind. If you have the mind of Christ, you will know what Christ knows when you get to Heaven. Do you think Christ knows you? Sure He does. He knows all things. I would hate to go to Heaven and spend my time walking around asking questions. We will know each other. In Heaven we have the mind of Christ and will know all things and all people.

Will I ever come back to life?

No.

Death is final as far as this body and this life as we know it now. Christians will come back to earth in their glorified body for the 1000 year reign with Christ.

Let us look at Revelation 19:11-21 and read of Christ's return to earth with the saints: *“11 And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he (**Christ**) that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies (**the saints**) which were in Heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of Heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the **earth**, and their armies, gathered together*

to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

We will reign on earth with Christ 1000 years as spoken in Revelation 5:10 *“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”*

Will there be more activities than just praising?

The final 2 judgments and the rest is praising.

There are two events in eternity that are not praising- the judgment of the saved and the judgment of the sinner. We do not know where these two events take place. They may not take place in Heaven.

Heaven is about praising the Lamb of God. Revelation 5:14 *“And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.”* Praise will include fellowshiping each other and celebrating and rejoicing together!

Will we hunger?

No.

The only eating I find in eternity is the marriage supper of the Lamb. There, we eat, but not because we are hungry. No hunger in Heaven. The resurrected Savior ate loaves and fishes with the disciples on the seashore. He did not eat because He was hungry, but to fellowship and celebrate His resurrection. We can eat in Heaven, as Christ did with the disciples, as a manner of fellowship and celebration but not because of hunger.

We read about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in Revelation 19:7-9: *“ 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”*

Would there be a reason to pray in Heaven?

No.

I know no place in the Bible that speaks of praying in Heaven. Prayer is replaced by praise.

However, it is good to note that the prayers of the saints prayed on earth are stored in Heaven. One day the angel will release them and they will come forth with the sweet smelling incense to celebrate the worthy Lamb of God.

Revelation 8:3 *“And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.”*

The activities that we do down here on earth that are not of sin, will we be able to do them in Heaven (painting, building)?

No.

Former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4 *“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.”*

Nothing from earth will be transferred to Heaven except praise and the scars in the Lamb’s hands and feet. That is why we should praise the Lord a lot on earth- to practice for Heaven.

How is the whole “getting to Heaven” process?

Death or rapture only 2 methods

Every person has a soul. God determined this in the creation in Genesis 2:7 *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”* Notice the word “living.” The soul is *living* and never dies. At death the body dies- not the soul, for it cannot die. At death the saved person’s soul departs the body and goes back to the Lord who gave it. At death, the lost person’s soul goes to hell.

The saved person’s body (made new) reunites with the soul at the rapture. The unsaved person’s body (not made new) reunites with their soul at the resurrection of the dead to stand before God at the Great White Throne Judgment as Rev 20:13 *“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead*

which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”

A saved person living at the time of the rapture will take on a new body immediately. The new body and soul will disappear upward into the presence of the Lord, as we read in I Corinthians 15:52 *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”*

If all we do is praise Him, why do we need a mansion?

The mansions in Heaven are for decoration and to denote home. Heaven is God’s house. We hang pictures on the wall in our house to decorate. He uses mansions! Wow. John 14:2 *“In my Father’s house are many mansions...”* It is God’s mind as to why He chose mansions, but I am glad He did. Mansions in Heaven will remind us that Heaven is “home.” What if Heaven were an empty field?

New Jerusalem, the bride of Christ’s central city in eternity, is described in Revelation 21 and does not mention mansions. Yet, we know there are mansions in Heaven, if not in New Jerusalem.

After we are in Heaven and come back to the New Earth, will we bear children?

No.

We come to the New Earth as *heavenly* people, not *earthly* people. Heavenly beings, such as the saints and angels, don’t have babies. We will be Kings and Priests, not male and female.

On the New Earth, we reign with Christ over the house of Israel. Israel will bear children on earth during the millennium reign, for they are *earthly* people.

Will the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be one or will there be three different personalities?

Three.

All three are still mentioned in the book of Revelation after the saints are called to Heaven. Yet, be reminded the central figure in eternity is Jesus, the Son of God.

Will we study the Bible in Heaven?

No.

We will no longer have to study any subject in Heaven, for there we have the mind of Christ and know all things. In Heaven we will not

study the Word, but praise the Word. How? Christ is the Word according to John 1:1 “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*” and John 1:14 “*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*” So, in Heaven we have no Bible with pages and a cover, but the living Bible which is Jesus.

Will there be animals in Heaven?

The only animal I know of in Heaven is the “white horse” of Revelation 19:11-14 “*Rev 19:11 And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in Heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*”

I have not read in the Bible of any other animal in Heaven. Animals are earthly beings created by God and placed on the earth for man’s benefit. They have *no soul* and therefore are not eternal beings. When animals die on earth they do not go to Heaven. They return to dust.

Will there be food in Heaven?

There is mention of the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven. A marriage supper is a Jewish custom denoting the final union of bride to groom. Food is a part of this celebration. There is no other food mentioned in Heaven. Yet, Christ ate with the disciples after His resurrection in His glorified body on the shore of Galilee. Maybe we will eat, but certainly not because we are hungry, for there is no hunger in Heaven. We may eat as Christ did with the disciples on the seashore as a manner of fellowshiping one another. We will not eat food as we know food on planet earth. All things are made new.

If you died at a young age, would you be in Heaven?

Children do not have accountability for their sinful nature inherited from their parents. Being young, they have no knowledge of right and wrong. After they reach a certain age, which we call the “age of accountability,” children are accountable to God for their sin. The “age of accountability” varies with each person. I did not know I was accountable for my sin until age 7. Some children know as early as 4

years old. When a child dies after reaching this age and is not saved, they will perish.

Will we have memory in Heaven?

No.

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Nothing from earth will be transferred to Heaven except praise and the scars in the Lamb’s hands and feet. That is why we should praise the Lord a lot on earth- to practice for Heaven. Why would you want to remember things about this sinful earth like hospitals and jails? We will forget earth and rejoice in God’s Heaven created for us. This makes me happy.

Why would God allow a murderer, or someone evil such as a murderer, to live?

Saved people are punished for sin on earth as a father punishes a child when they do wrong. The day my son broke a window, he was punished for his wrong. *Sinners may or may not be punished on earth.* Their punishment is hell and the Great White Throne Judgment. Ecc 8:11 *“Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”*

Whether a murderer is punished on earth or in life hereafter, it is God’s business. He is in charge of judgment, not men.

Will I have scars on my body in Heaven as I do on earth?

No.

We have a new, glorified body like unto Christ’s. I Corinthians 15:42-44 *“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”* The only scars in Heaven are in the hands and feet of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Will I be able to ride horses in Heaven?

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Certainly these scriptures speak of riding a horse as the army following Christ back to reign with Him on earth.

Two important things to understand about Heaven that will enlighten every person regarding this wonderful place:

1) Former things are no more

Revelation 21:4 *“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.”*

FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY: whatever you have seen on earth, you won't see in Heaven. Whatever you have tasted on earth, you won't taste in Heaven. Whatever you have felt on earth, you won't feel in Heaven. Your dog and cat and Ford truck are not going to Heaven. Nothing from this earth is going to Heaven.

2) Everyone will be like Christ in Heaven

I John 3:2 *“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”*

If Christ walked through the door of the room you are now in, you would die. Your sinful body could not withstand His Holy glory. There is only one way to be in His presence- be like Him. If you ever walk down the streets of Heaven with Christ, you *must* be like Him. There is no other way to stay in His presence. All will be like Christ in Heaven and that includes babies. There will be no cribs or diaper changing stations in Heaven. We will not trip over toddlers in Heaven. Everyone will be like Christ. There will be no rocking chairs for the elderly in Heaven. Everyone will be like Christ.