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Sunday, May 4, 2014

“HEAVEN IS FOR REAL – PART 2”

(Revelation 4:1-11)

Today continues a two-part sermon as we seek to answer commonly asked questions about heaven. As we do, we will seek to become more heavenly minded so that we can be of more earthly good.

- 12. What will we look like in heaven?**

- 13. Will we recognize each other in heaven?**

- 14. Will we remember our earthly lives when we're in heaven?**

- 15. What happens after death?**

- 16. Will there be animals on the new earth?**

- 17. Will we know everything when we get to heaven?**

- 18. If people in heaven are aware of bad things happening on earth, how could it really be heaven?**

- 19. Will we be reunited with and recognize our loved ones in heaven?**

- 20. What won't be in heaven?**

- 21. How can we know for sure that we'll go to heaven?**

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“I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 8:11, ESV).

12. What will we look like in heaven?

“Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do” (Luke 24:39, NLT).

“It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have” (Luke 24:39, NIV).

13. Will we recognize each other in heaven?

“But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me” (2 Samuel 12:23, ESV).

“be like him, because we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2, ESV).

14. Will we remember our earthly lives when we’re in heaven?

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind” (Isaiah 65:17, ESV).

“We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28, ESV).

15. What happens after death?

16. Will there be animals on the new earth?

“And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:25, ESV).

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now” (Romans 8:19-22, ESV).

17. Will we know everything when we get to heaven?

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known” (1 Corinthians 13:12, ESV).

“so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6-7, ESV).

“Learn from me” (Matthew 11:29, NIV).

18. If people in heaven are aware of bad things happening on earth, how could it really be heaven?

“we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18, ESV).

19. Will we be reunited with and recognize our loved ones in heaven?

“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:14-18, ESV).

20. What won’t be in heaven?

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets” (Luke 6:21-23, ESV).

21. How can we know for sure that we’ll go to heaven?

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (Matthew 7:13-14, ESV).

“will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 8:12, NIV).

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