

CURRENT HEAVEN VS. THE NEW HEAVEN

Revelation 21:1-5 // December 5, 2021

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

The answer to “what is heaven like” depends on “which heaven” you are asking about. There is the “current” heaven, but also the “future heaven” that are spoken of in God’s Word. We know the least about the current heaven, as most references to heaven in God’s Word speak of our eternal home, but we do know that the current heaven is a real, physical place called “paradise,” and that those who have already passed from here are present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5.8 // Luke 16.19-31

The Bible doesn’t speak of those who have already died as being in a state of soul sleep, purgatory, or a bland waiting room. Jesus called it “paradise,” and promised the thief on the cross that “this very day” he would be with Him there.

CAN THEY SEE US?

Hebrews 12.1, 2 // Luke 15.10 // Revelation 6.9-11, 18.19-21

The saints mentioned in these Scriptures seem to be quite aware of events or circumstances upon the earth. If they are able to see at least some parts of this life, it not likely they can see *everything*, but are possibly given glimpses, and those glimpses likely lead even to them praying for us in the Name of Jesus.

It is likely that just as Christ is praying for us, these saints are also praying for us. We do need to be cautious, however, in not praying *to* them or *through* them, or even asking them to pray for us. They may be praying for us, be we are only to go to the one Mediator, our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE FUTURE HEAVEN

We were made for Eden, and Eden was made for us. This creation was made as “very good,” and God does not give up on His creation, but rather will redeem it. In the meantime, we are exiles and wanderers in our own homeland, looking forward to not just our own liberation, but the liberation of our homeland.

If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.

-C.S. Lewis



Hebrews 11.13-16, 13.14 // 2 Peter 3.13 // Revelation 21.1-5 // Matthew 13.43

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

John 14:2-3

In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?
Read **Revelation 21.1-5**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself
How does the hope of our eternal home help you to preach the Gospel to yourself in a way that lifts your head and heart in your daily life? Read **Hebrews 12.1, 2**. How does this hope also help you lay aside sin that we battle with in this life?

Your Life Mission
We live in a world that is broken and hopeless. How does having our hope fixed upon our eternal future help us with our evangelism? What relationships in your life would you like prayer for, maybe even that you are a little fearful of when it comes to sharing the Gospel?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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