

Unshakeable What Heaven Is Like

Whatever you think about heaven is far more better than you can ever imagine!

Remember our key thought for the last few weeks, **“what you believe about eternity determines how you live today.”**

If there is one sermon that I will fall short on it's this one because it's hard to put into words, the majesty and beauty and glory of heaven. As a matter of fact, Paul had trouble with that as well when he said, **“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.”**

So with that said let's let the word of God do the talking today as we take a glimpse into heaven. Turn to **John 14:1-6**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my fathers house are many rooms, if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way? Jesus said, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.”

Revelation 21:1-5,7

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, I am making everything new! Then he said, write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true. He who overcomes will inherit all of this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

So today I really want to show you what heaven is and what heaven isn't. I think a lot of people have a misconception of what heaven is going to be like. Things like

a fat naked baby angel floating on clouds playing harps. Or every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings. So here are a few misconceptions about Heaven.

1. Heaven will be boring.

- Why do people think Heaven is going to be boring? Because the devil is a liar! Lies are his native tongue. Some of you may not know this but the Devil's first name was Lucifer. He was one of the three arc angels created by God there was Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer. Lucifers problem was that he got jealous of the glory of God. Five times in the Bible he said I will be like God. So God cast him out of heaven and a third of all the angels followed him.
- Here's the truth, heaven is the absence of evil in the presence of everything good! When you go to heaven you will enjoy everything you enjoy on earth but there will be no sin, no more pain, no more sorrow and no more death! It's the absence of everything evil in the presence of everything good!

2. *The second misconception about heaven is, this world is your home.*

- Paul said in **2 Corinthians 4:18** ***"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."***
- Remember that ***"your life is but a mist, here one second and gone the next."***

3. The third misconception about heaven is, most people are going there.

- So I guess it doesn't matter what I believe, or what I do because I am basically a good person and heaven is a default destination anyway right?
- So listen closely to the words of Jesus himself when he said, ***"Broad is the road and wide is the path that leads to destruction and many people are on it, but narrow is the road and small is the gate that leads to life and only a few find it."***

- So here's the truth this morning, **good people don't go to heaven when they die.** So that begs the question, who goes to heaven? **Forgiven people go to heaven by the grace of Jesus Christ!**
- Listen to *Romans 3:23-25* ***"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented himself as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood."***
- Remember, ***"Jesus said, I am the Way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the father except through me."*** To sum it up, your goodness has nothing to do with Heaven. That is a hard truth for a lot of people.

So now we know who is going to heaven, let's talk about what heaven will be like. Are y'all ready for this?

1. First of all, we will know one another, we will love and be loved.

- We will see our family once again and be surprised at the people who made it! We can talk to the heroes of the Bible. We can ask king David when he hit Goliath in the head with the rock, was it all skill or were you just as surprised as everyone else? Some of you ladies may want to ask eve, what were you thinking? Do you know how badly you have messed it up for all of us?

2. What will heaven be like? Heaven will be a place of unimaginable beauty.

- Let's go back to *first Corinthians chapter 2 verse nine*, ***"No Eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."***
- There will be new colors that you have never seen before, new beauty that our mind couldn't have ever conceived in a newly created world! Imagine traveling around the world for 10 years. In that span of 10 years you would have seen unimaginable beauty that this world has to offer. That wouldn't

be boring would it? It would be life-changing. Now think of all of that beauty but without sin. No sin, no death, no pain.

3. What will heaven be like? In heaven you will see Jesus face to face!

- Here is the significance of that statement. All throughout Scripture you cannot be in the presence of God and live. Moses said that he wanted to see God's glory but God said you can't handle my glory because you would die if you saw it. In fact, when the high priest entered into the holy of holies in the temple he would enter with a rope tied around his ankle because if he got too close to the glory of God he could be killed and they needed a way to drag his body out if he died because no one else wanted to see the glory of God face-to-face.
- And yet one day you will look at Jesus in the face. Eyeball to eyeball and this time when you look at him you will no longer fear dying but realize that that moment that you never truly lived until you've seen the glory of the son of God face-to-face.

4. In heaven you will have new and perfect bodies. And everyone said amen!

- Watching a family member deteriorate and die is unspeakably painful but when we get to heaven we will see them healthy and perfect in every way! What a day that will be! Remember Heaven is the absence of everything bad, painful, and the evil. It's the presence of everything good, holy, and glorious.
- The question for all of us today is this, are you ready for Heaven?