

## V. HEAVEN IS **GOD**

*“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.”* Matthew 6:9

*“1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting  
on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe  
filled the temple.*

*2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two  
he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with  
two he flew.*

*3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the  
LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*

Isaiah 6:1-3

*“22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty  
and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the  
sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God  
illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.”* Revelation 21:22-23

## VI. HEAVEN IS **FOREVER**

*“13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will  
go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell,  
and make a profit”;*

*14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow.  
For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a  
little time and then vanishes away.”* James 4:13-14

*“There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light  
of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall  
reign forever and ever.”* Revelation 22:5

### **WHEN YOU DIE WHICH DOOR WILL YOU ENTER?**

*“9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will  
go in and out and find pasture.*

*10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to  
destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have  
it more abundantly.”* John 10:9-10

## **AFTERLIFE ~ WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?**

What Is Heaven?

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### **INTRODUCTION**

- A.** The afterlife is a reality. People are designed by God to live somewhere forever. Put another way, death is not the end. Death is the entrance into a brand new realm of existence.

This of course raises a lot of questions. Questions like:

What is it like?

Will I see my family and friends?

How do I get there?

What must I do now to prepare?

We will answer these questions and many more!!

- B.** The Bible describes death and the afterlife as an appointment. Hebrews 9:27 says, *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”*. Each person will die by appointment. People may be late for a lot of things, but this is one appointment that everyone will be on time for.

- C.** There is a lot of confusion about the afterlife. It's ok to be wrong about a lot of things, but don't be wrong about the afterlife. Come and get clarity on the truth about the afterlife.

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TODAY What Is Heaven?

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- D.** **TEXT:** John 14:1-3 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1059/New Testament)

## WHAT IS HEAVEN?

The word “heaven” is used **582** times in the Bible.

It is used in **three** different ways in the Bible:

- The **first** heaven – home of the birds and the clouds.  
*“11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.  
12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.”*  
Genesis 7:11-12
- The **second** heaven – home of the sun, moon and stars.  
*“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”*  
Psalm 19:1
- The **third** heaven – home of God and believers.  
*“I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.”*  
II Corinthians 12:2

**Heaven is a perfect home where  
all believers will live with God forever.**

### I. HEAVEN IS **PERFECT**

*“22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.*

*23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”*

Romans 8:22-23

*“3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.*

*4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”*

Revelation 21:3-4

### II. HEAVEN IS **HOME**

*“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,”*

Philippians 3:20

*“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”* I Peter 2:11

*“They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”*

John 17:16

*“But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”*

Hebrews 11:16

### III. HEAVEN IS **BELIEVERS**

*“25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.  
26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

John 11:25-26

*“After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!”*

Revelation 19:1

### IV. HEAVEN IS **LIFE**

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”*

John 5:24

*“1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.  
2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

*3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.”*

Revelation 22:1-3