

QUESTION #26 – Will we have our own place in heaven?

Now we are of the opinion that every believer will have his or her own place in heaven. One passage that would seem to support this is **John 14:2**. The noun “house” is singular. The noun “dwelling places” is plural. The noun “place” is singular.

Now what can we conclude from this statement of Jesus Christ?

Well the first noun “house” refers to heaven, which is the house of God and the throne of God. This particular description views heaven as a massive estate where God dwells.

The “many dwelling places” indicates that in this massive heavenly estate there are many abodes where people live (G. Abbott-Smith, *Greek Lexicon*, p. 296). There are many places where people stay and live.

Now the word “place” refers to a very real place that a person occupies (*Ibid.*, p. 448).

The verb “prepare” is one that means to make a place ready for a person to occupy (*Ibid.*, p. 183).

Now twice in the verse we read the pronoun “you,” which is given for emphasis. The pronoun is plural, which seems to suggest that Jesus is emphasizing that He is going to heaven and He has in mind an individual place for every one of His people.

In Isaiah 65:17-25, there is a mention of the new heavens, new earth and new Jerusalem. In verse 21 it is clear that there will be real houses on real land.

Now it stands to reason that when we get to heaven, we have a real, personal place to go. So our conclusion is that every believer does have his or her own place he/she may call home.

QUESTION #27 – Would someone be able to visit you at your home in heaven?

The answer to this question appears to be yes. In Luke 16:1-13, Jesus has challenged believers to use their earthly resources for the glory of God.

In **verse 9**, Jesus says that one who does that will be received into their friend’s “eternal dwellings.” The word “dwelling” is one that typically refers to a real, temporary place where people live, like a tent (*Ibid.*, pp. 408-409).

By qualifying the noun “dwellings” with the adjective “eternal,” we conclude there are real places of residency in eternity forever, but that the believer is not confined to these places and that he/she may invite guests into his or her place of residency.