

# “The Doctrine Of Heaven Before Jesus”

## The Transcendent Truth That Divided Pharisees and Saducees

Job 19:23-27 (429); 1 Cor. 15:12-23 (961)

When we consider the glories of Heaven (capitalized, as it is as real as Winchester or Mars) we are confronted with doctrinal truths beyond what we can see – claims that we without apology call *supernatural*. In Jesus’ day the wealthy, priestly families of Jerusalem regarded the Petateuch (only) as a *legal* foundation for Israel, yet asserted “that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit” (Acts 23:8). Today we step back in time to survey the beautiful case for Heaven in the OT – gloriously affirmed in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ! In this series *The Christian’s North Star* we will behold the glories of the Place Jesus is preparing for us (Jn. 14:1-4).

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Resurrection Conviction (Job 19:23-27).

1. The NT presents the \_\_\_\_\_ (1Co. 15:17) and the \_\_\_\_\_ (15:20).
2. Job may have laid early foundations of several key \_\_\_\_\_:

### II. The Creation Account - A \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 1:1-23).

1. ‘Heavens’ = \_\_\_\_\_ (v 6-8, 20), but ‘heavens’ also = \_\_\_\_\_ (v 14-17).
2. Now the \_\_\_\_\_ heaven of 2 Cor. 12:2: it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

### III. The Progressive Revelation Of Heaven in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

(Gen. 5:1, 22-24; 21:17; 22:11,15; Ex. 3:6 (cf. Lu. 22:37); Deut. 10:14)

### IV. The Progressive Revelation of Heaven in \_\_\_\_\_.

(2 Sa. 12:22-23; 1 Ki. 2:10; 8:27, 30, 39, 43, 49; 2 Ch. 2:6)

(Is. 63:15; 64:1-2; 65:17-18; 66:1-2, 24; Dan. 2:18-19, 37, 44; 7:9-14; 12:2, 13)

### V. The Progressive Revelation of Heaven in \_\_\_\_\_.

(Ps. 2:4; 11:4; 14:2; 17:15; 33:13; 103:19; 16B: 9-11; 61A: 4; 73C:24; 139B:8)

### VI. Living In The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Heaven to which Christ \_\_\_\_\_.