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Now we know that the Word of God is in heaven because multiple passages of Scripture reveal this fact (Ps. 119:89; Matt. 24:35). Just being able to learn things from the Word of God while in heaven would be an exciting possibility.

We can conclude from this that we could study doctrines and books of the Bible and even perhaps discuss things with those who were actually there and experienced those things.

We know that in heaven is the book of life. We know there are names in the book of life (Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27). This book is mentioned in the O.T. (Ex. 32:32; Dan. 12:1). It is also mentioned in the N.T. by Paul (Philip. 4:3).

We know in Revelation 20:12 that there are works books in heaven that apparently record everything every person ever did which was contrary to the Word of God.

We also know in Malachi 3:16-17 that there is a “book of remembrance” that apparently contains good things done by those who are believers who feared God.

Now what all of these books indicate is that there are new things to learn and see.

Furthermore, we know in heaven there will be new songs to learn and sing (Ps. 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 144:9; 149:1; Rev. 5:9; 14:3).

What all of this suggests is that in heaven we will be learning new things.

We will certainly learn new things about God the Father.

We will certainly learn new things about God the Son, Jesus Christ.

We will certainly learn new things about God the Holy Spirit.

We will certainly learn new things about angels because we will be able to see them.

We will certainly learn new things about heaven which we have not known or seen yet.

We will certainly learn new things about life in heaven which we have not experienced yet.

We will certainly learn new things about the Word of God.

We will certainly learn new things about the creation of God.

We will certainly learn new things about others in the Bible—i.e. what they look like.

We will certainly learn new things about rewards and honor in heaven.

We will certainly learn new things about other believers in heaven.

QUESTION #19 – Is a believer’s wealth in heaven given by inheritance or earned by rewards?

When a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, we know that this immediately makes one a partaker of a rich eternal inheritance (Ephesians 1:14, 18). One is guaranteed heaven and that, in itself, makes one a wealthy person with a guaranteed grace inheritance.

However, we also know that the inheritance and wealth size may be enhanced by faithful service and work for the Lord. There are many passages that speak of earning various rewards and crowns for faithfulness. There are at least seven crowns we know of that one may earn:

(Crown #1) - The incorruptible or imperishable crown given to one disciplined. **I Cor. 9:25**

(Crown #2) - The influence crown given for one influencing others for God. **Philip. 4:1**

(Crown #3) - The rejoicing crown given for evangelistic work. **I Thess. 2:2, 13-14, 19**

(Crown #4) - The righteous crown given to one pursuing Biblical righteousness. **II Tim. 4:8**

(Crown #5) - The life crown given to one faithful through severe trials. **James 1:12; Rev. 2:10**

(Crown #6) - The glory crown given to faithful leaders of a flock. **I Pet. 5:4**

(Crown #7) - The revelation crown given to one who carefully guarded God’s Word. **Rev. 3:11**

Furthermore, we know that there will be at least ten areas of judgment that could gain rewards:

Reward Basis #1 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our works. I Cor. 3:13; II Cor. 5:10; Rev. 2:23

Rewarded works will be in accordance with revealed Scripture (II Tim. 2:5) and will be done with a motive of honoring God (I Cor. 4:5; Matt. 6:1-4; Col. 3:22-25).

Reward Basis #2 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our words. Matt. 12:36-37; Luke 12:2-3; Gal. 5:19-20; Eph. 4:29-32; James 3:1

Reward Basis #3 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our worship. Heb. 10:25; 13:17

Reward Basis #4 - We may earn or lose rewards based on conformity to God’s will. I Thess. 4:3

Reward Basis #5 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our witnessing. Rev. 3:8

Reward Basis #6 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our thoughts. Heb. 4:12-13; Rev. 2:23

Reward Basis #7 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our conscience. I Cor. 4:4;

II Cor. 5:11

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Reward Basis #8 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our self-discipline. I Cor. 9:27

Reward Basis #9 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our money. Gal. 6:6-10;
I Tim. 6:17-19; Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4

Reward Basis #10 - We may earn or lose rewards based on our faithfulness.

**A critical factor here is remaining faithful until the end of one's Christian life—Rev. 1:10;
II Tim. 4:7; I Cor. 9:24.**

Based on all of this Biblical data, we would conclude that every person who believes on Jesus Christ is guaranteed an eternal inheritance of heaven. However, through the process of developing and applying the Scriptures, one may lay up various crowns, treasures and rewards.

Those rewards would certainly include:

(Reward #1) - Verbal praise from Jesus Christ in heaven. I Cor. 4:5; I Pet. 1:7

(Reward #2) - Personal confidence when one appears before Jesus Christ. I John 2:28

(Reward #3) - Management responsibilities during the Millennium. Rev. 2:26; Matt. 25:21, 23;
Luke 19:12-19; Rev. 20:4a

(Reward #4) - Experience full joy during the Millennium. Matt. 25:21, 23

(Reward #5) - Abundant inheritance into the Kingdom. II Pet. 1:11

(Reward #6) - Personal fellowship and access to Jesus Christ. Heb. 12:13-17; Zech. 3:7;
Ezek. 44:10-16

QUESTION #20 – Do those in heaven have any contact with those on earth?

Another way to ask this question is whether or not there is any direct contact between those who have died and those who are living? Many of those in the occult believe that it is possible to make contact with those who have gone into eternity. Clearly this kind of thinking was forbidden by God (Deut. 18:9-15).

There are those who believe that those loved ones of ours, who have died, actually see us and know by some direct contact exactly what we are doing. But there is no evidence of this.

The answer from the Scriptures is no. One place where this is specifically answered is Luke 16:27-31. God would not send back one from Abraham's bosom even for the purpose of reaching lost people heading to hell. He certainly will not send one back for other reasons.