

“WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?”

I Corinthians 2:9, *“But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard. Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

I wonder how many people really believe that verse? How many people even among Christians believe that God really has something great in eternity? I think a lot of people believe that heaven isn't going to be all that great because after all what is the most common image that you see of Heaven? Hollywood has told us that Heaven is always sterile white, everybody is just standing around and have big fluffy wings and are really bored. How exciting and interesting does that look?

Yet over and over again the Bible shows us that Heaven is going to be better than anything we could possibly fathom here on this earth. The Hebrew writer tells us that Abraham waited, *“for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”* (**Hebrews 11:10**). If God built it then I am going to guess that just looking upon it will be better than anything we've ever known.

In that glorious place that God built we will have heavenly bodies. Now I certainly don't know everything about what those bodies will be like, but Paul tells us that our bodies will be glorious: *“When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory”* (**Colossians 3:4**). We are told that we'll be like Jesus in these new heavenly bodies.

In Heaven we will know a better company of people. This world around us is harsh and cruel and we get tired of the things that wicked people do. In Heaven those things will not exist. *“But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.”* (**Revelation 21:27**).

Finally, in Heaven we will get to live with our Lord forever. Jesus tells His disciples, *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”* (**John 14:1-3**). That is where I want to live. What would that be like to live with the One who made everything? The One who is our God for all times? I can tell you that it will be awesome to be in His presence. That is what Heaven promises.

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