

HEAVEN

A Study by Geo.

As in any study on biblical things, this writer believes that the scriptures are accurate. Therefore, when we quote a verse here and there we are confident of the reliability of the source. This is not an exhaustive study, just something to get us excited about where we will spend eternity. (Are you sure you're going?)

Is Heaven Real?	Isaiah 66:1, Acts 7:48-49, Matthew 5:34-35, Mark 16:19, Luke 24:49-53, Acts 1:9-11, Hebrews 9:24, Hebrews 6:19-20, Hebrews 8:1-5, John 14:1-4, 2 Cor. 5:1-4, 2 Cor. 4:17-18, The Bible says Heaven is real, we should as well.
Where is the location of Heaven?	Isaiah 14:13, Job 26:7, Psalm 48:2, these three references indicate a possibility that Heaven " <u>might</u> " be in the North of the heavens. We could just say, "Heaven is where Jesus is, that's it then!"
What is Heaven like?	Rev. 21:10-27, Rev. 22:1-5, 1 Cor. 2:9, Rev. 21:4, Rev. 20:6, 1 John 3:2
Are there different levels of Heaven?	2 Cor. 12:2. There are not three levels of Heaven according to what we've done on earth for Christ. The first heaven could be said to be the sky, the second where the stars are, the third where Jesus is, although wherever Jesus is is Heaven.
Is Paradise the same as Heaven?	2 Cor. 12:4, Rev. 2:7, Luke 23:43. From these verses I would say yes. *after Abraham's Bosom (Luke 16:22) was removed (Eph. 4:8) it was named Paradise.
Will we be the same age in Heaven as when we died?	1 John 3:2. The scripture indicates "we shall be like him," possibly indicating we all will be around 30-33, Jesus' age at the end of his earthly life. I can't imagine babies, old folks, and all the other possibilities being that way for eternity. Phil. 3:21.
Will there be marriage in Heaven?	Matt. 22:23-28. We undoubtedly will know our wives and husbands from this life, but not in the same fashion.
Will we know if our loved ones are not in Heaven?	Rev. 21:4, 1 Cor. 13:12. It would not be Heaven if we worry for eternity, so, probably not.
Will we know our family members and friends in Heaven?	1 Samuel 28:8-17, 2 Samuel 12:23, Luke 16:19-31, Matt. 17:3-4, John 20:16,20, 21:12, 1 Cor. 15:4-7, I Cor. 13:12. Yes, we will know others, as they know us.

Can people in Heaven see us?	Hebrews 12:1. This verse tells that many have set an example for us, not that the cloud is evidence of eyes watching us.
Where did Old Testament believers go when they passed on?	Luke 16:19-31, Luke 23:43, Ephesians 4:8-9, 2 Cor. 12:2-4. OT folks, it seems, went to a place with two realms, one for redeemed, the other for unredeemed. After Christ's resurrection the good side was emptied, to be moved to where Jesus was. (is)
Will we eat food in Heaven?	Mark 14:25, Rev. 22:1-3, Gen. 1:29, Luke 24:41-43, John 21:5-15, Luke 24:30. Jesus ate in front of people after his resurrection.
What will our bodies look like in Heaven?	1 John 3:2, We shall be like him, recognizable, no physical deformity, 1 Cor. 15:41-50, Phil. 3:21, it's all good!
Will memories of our earthly life be remembered?	Rev. 21:4, things have passed away, Isaiah 65:16-17, memories that are good will possibly be remembered, bad memories might be done away with, it would not be Heaven if we remembered bad things for eternity. Luke 16:19-31 has the rich man remembering his relatives, but this does not necessarily mean those in heaven can do the same, remembering the past is just one of the many things the unredeemed will live with.
What about the New Heavens and New Earth?	Rev. 21 & 22. Some believe this present earth & heavens will be renewed to be like it was before the fall, others believe a brand new earth/heaven will come about, either way it will be wonderful. 2 nd Peter 3:10-14.
Will we sin in Heaven?	Rev.21 & 22. When we become a new creature in Christ we are changed forever, our sin has been dealt with. Therefore when we pass over to our new glorified state Jesus Christ himself promises us deliverance from even the possibility of sin.
Will we see The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit in Heaven?	John 4:24, 1 Tim. 6:16, Matt. 3:13-17, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 1:9, John 20:16, 19-29, and lots more. Maybe when we get to Heaven the Father & Holy Spirit will be also be visible; one thing for sure, we will see Jesus, Col. 1:15.
Is nakedness a part of Heaven?	Genesis 3:10, Matt. 28:3, Rev. 3:18, Rev. 4:4, Rev. 3:5. When we get to Heaven we will be clothed with Christ's righteousness and perfection. nakedness was covered by God in Eden, he will have us clothed in Heaven.
How many Crowns can we receive in Heaven?	1 Cor. 9:24-25, *Imperishable Crown, 1 Thess. 2:19, *Crown of Rejoicing, 2 Tim. 4:8, *Crown of Righteousness, 1 Peter 5:4, *Crown of Glory, Rev. 2:10 & James 1:12, *Crown of Life.
What are Mansions that are talked about in Heaven?	John 14:2-3. Mansions/Rooms is from the King James Bible. The Greek word indicates "the act of staying or abiding." House could be better translated "abode." The idea of rows of Mansions probably is not the idea being given.

<p>Will there really be streets of gold in Heaven?</p>	<p>Rev. 21:21 says the street was pure gold. Some take this literally, some figuratively. If you view scripture from a literal viewpoint, unless obviously not, then we could say the streets are gold. The walls of the New Jerusalem are measured with earthly measures, I believe we must stick with one viewpoint, I go with “If it makes common sense seek no other sense.”</p>
<p>Do pets go to Heaven?</p>	<p>Gen. 2:7, 1:30, 6:17, 7:15,22, say man and animals have the breath of life. God has given mankind the ability to know God personally; animals don’t have this. By this I mean mind-emotion-will & spirituality. If God wants animals in Heaven they will be there. For sure they will be in the millennial kingdom, Isaiah 11:6, 65:25, beyond that, who knows.</p>
<p>Who is the Queen of Heaven?</p>	<p>Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-25. A pagan goddess, there is no Queen of Heaven. Mary, mother of Jesus, was a normal woman, herself saying in Luke 1:46-55, “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Like many false ideas, they fall and burn when the “TRUTH” is known.</p>
<p>What about mentally retarded and disabled people, do they go to Heaven?</p>	<p>2 Samuel 12:23 gives the account of David’s child dying. David said, “Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.” The 23rd Psalm says “And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever,” so David knew he was going to be with God when he died, and I take it he knew he would see his son. From this example I believe God grants mercy to those who cannot make an informed decision.</p>
<p>What does the bible say about soul sleep? Do we rest in the grave and then go to Heaven at the resurrection?</p>	<p>2 Cor. 5:6-8, absent from the body, present with the Lord. Phil. 1:23 There is conscious existence the moment we are born, it lasts forever, just depends where we will spend our forever. The body after death is said to be sleeping until the resurrection, but not our soul & spirit. Luke 8:52, 1 Cor. 15:6.</p>
<p>What will we be doing in Heaven?</p>	<p>We will be serving God, Rev. 22:3. We will have eternity to learn of God’s wisdom & his riches in Christ. Rom. 11:33-36. Things done for God while we are in this life will result in rewards from Jesus. 1 Cor. 3:12-15. These rewards will have gone through a testing, not everyone will receive the same rewards, but whatever we will do in heaven will be 100% ok.</p>
<p>Is there an age of accountability when we talk about Heaven? Do babies and young kids go to Heaven if they die?</p>	<p>This writer believes God grants mercy & grace to those who cannot make an informed decision, like babies/young children and handicapped folks. 2 Sam. 12:21-23 is the favored scripture to show this <u>possible</u> explanation. Some have said that thirteen may be the age of accountability, no one can really say for sure.</p>
<p>Is there a difference between The Kingdom of Heaven and The Kingdom of God?</p>	<p>Matt. 19:23 says Kingdom of Heaven, 19:24 says Kingdom of God, they are used interchangeably. See Matt. 11:11-12 and compare to Luke 7:28. So, there is no difference.</p>

What is the Judgment Seat of Christ?	This is for Christians only, not unbelievers. Romans 14:10-12, 1 Cor. 5:10. This will determine our rewards from Jesus. There will be no punishment for sin, that was taken care of at the cross when we received Jesus as our savior. James 1:12 shows a result of our love for Jesus
Will there be gender in Heaven?	Jesus maintained his gender after his resurrection, John 20:16. Matt. 22:30 speaks of being like the angels, they are spoken of in the masculine, so it may be that there will be gender in Heaven. The model relationship is a man and a woman, I don't think it will change in Heaven.
Do souls of aborted babies go to Heaven?	Using the story of David & Bathsheba from 2 nd Samuel 12, I believe we can say that God in his grace & mercy will receive into his presence little ones that have had no time to build a life of sin. Genesis 18:25 says God will do what's right.
Will there be sex in Heaven?	Matt. 22:30 says we will be like the angels, we will not marry. When we get to Heaven we will find out that there is a life we could never dream of here on this earth.
Before Heaven is there Purgatory?	No. Romans 5:8 says Jesus died for us, he paid for the penalty of our sins. Isaiah 53:5 says Jesus was pierced, we are healed and delivered from suffering by his death on the cross. 1 John 2:2 says Jesus' death was the satisfaction that God the Father required, there is no need to suffer more on our part. 2 Cor. 5:6-8 says absent from the body, present with the Lord. Phil. 1:23, far better to be with Christ.
When will be the Judgment of God?	There are two judgments, The Judgment Seat of Christ, Romans 14:10-12, 1 Cor. 3:11-14, this is for Christians only. I believe this judgment will take place after the Church, The Body Of Christ, is taken up into Heaven (the Rapture), then during the seven year tribulation period on earth, Jesus will go over our life and give us our rewards for serving him. The Great White Throne Judgment is the second judgment; this will be for unbelievers, Rev. 20:11-15. I believe this judgment will take place after the 1,000 year Millennial reign of Christ on this earth. There will be no second chance for these people, Don't be part of this.
Can we know for sure we are going to Heaven?	Absolutely!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 1 John 5:11-13 says we can " <u>KNOW</u> " we " <u>HAVE</u> " eternal life. John 3:16 says that if we believe in Jesus we have eternal life. We can know for sure because GOD'S WORD says so, it's fully trustworthy.
How narrow is the gate to Heaven?	Matt. 7:13-14, Luke 13:23-24, the gate is very narrow, Jesus Christ is " <u>the way</u> ," " <u>the truth</u> ," and " <u>the life</u> ." Like it or not, you have to go through Jesus to be heaven-bound, John 14:6. Works won't get it done, Eph. 2:8-9. Just quit trying to make it on your own, it won't happen, give in to Christ!!!