WStudy # 26

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Zion ~Your Eternal Home~

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Heaven!! The very word whispers peace to our soul. This old troubled world has nothing for the child of God - it brings no peace, no lasting joy, no fellowship - nothing but sorrow, heartache, disappointments… and death. ***Hebrews 13:14*** Ah, but Heaven!

It is no secret to anyone inhabiting these bodies and living on this cursed planet, that there is no hope for what people are searching for here, that is, if they believe the truth of things. The evidence is all over the place just as the Scriptures say, yet people just keep on searching as if their going to round a corner and “there it is,” *the greener pastures*. No such thing! Not here! The Lord tells us many times not to set our affections on things here. It’s going to burn, that is, if moths or corruption or a thief doesn’t get it first. These are things that “**Jesus Christ said**.”

But He did not just leave us with nothing. He gave us **a place** (***John 14:2,3***) to think about. He also promised that if we died, we would go there, and if we didn’t die before He returned, He would come and get us and take us there. Hallelujah! The Scriptures do not tell a great deal about Heaven, but the Lord did give us enough to set our affections on. Let’s study some about it.

What Is Heaven?

1. We often use the term “Heaven” loosely.

The Bible actually refers to *three Heavens*:

1. Look up and read ***Genesis 1:8,20***; ***Jeremiah 4:25***; and ***Daniel 4:12***

In these Scriptures, the Heaven referred to may be called the **FIRST HEAVEN**. In your own words, what is the First Heaven? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Look up ***Genesis 22:17***; ***Nehemiah 9:23***; and ***Psalms 19:1***

These Scriptures refer to the **SECOND HEAVEN.** In your own words, what is the Second Heaven? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Look up ***1 Kings 8:27,30*** and ***2 Corinthians 12:2***

These Scriptures refer to a **Heaven** which is the **ABODE OF GOD**. What is this Heaven called? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In this lesson, the Heaven to which we refer is the last of those above – the place where God is.

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1. What Is ZION? Zion is another name for Jerusalem.

It is also used three ways:

1. ***2 Samuel 5:7*** – the City of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. “Zion”
2. ***Isaiah 2:2-4*** The “Zion” Jerusalem of the M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, (the1000 year physical, literal, visible reign of Jesus Christ on earth) See also ***Revelation 20:1-7***
3. ***Hebrews 12:22*** “...mount S \_ \_ \_, and unto the city of the l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, the

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,..” “Sion”

1. In this lesson, the Zion to which we refer is the last of those above. The New Jerusalem of Heaven.

What Does Death Mean for The Christian?

1. Look up ***2 Corinthians 5:6-8***

These verses teach that:

1. To be at HOME in the BODY is to be \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from the Lord.
2. To be ABSENT from the BODY is to be \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with the Lord.
3. Look up ***Philippians 1:23,24*** If Paul Was to D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, He Would Be with C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

These Scriptures clearly teach that when a Christian dies his soul is immediately transported into the very presence of Christ (the body “flesh” returns to the dust awaiting its Resurrection).

1. Look up ***Revelation 6:9-11***

Where does this passage teach the Tribulation souls of the slain and departed believers are? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Look up ***Luke 16:22*** How was the soul of Lazarus transported to Abrahams Bosom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. See also ***Luke 23:43***; ***Ephesians 4:9,10***

**NOTE:** These Scriptures are also used for lies to teach things such as **PURGATORY**, **SOUL SLEEP**, and **REINCARNATION** which of course are not Bible truths.

Should our blessed Lord's return not occur in your lifetime, and you go the way of all men, be assured - you will go home to be with the Lord! Death is but a graduation to Glory! ***1 Corinthians 15:55***

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Along with millions of believers gone home before you, the words of ***Psalms 23:4*** will be a sweet reality:

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of d \_ \_ \_ \_, I will fear no

e \_ \_ \_: for t \_ \_ \_ art w \_ \_ \_ m \_; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

“P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is the d \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 116:15***

Will We Know One Another In Heaven?

In ***Acts 7:55-60*** Stephen *recognized* J \_ \_ \_ \_ standing on the right hand of God.

In ***Matthew 17:1-5*** Peter *recognized* M \_ \_ \_ \_ and E \_ \_ \_ \_.

In ***Luke 16:23-25*** the rich man recognized A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and L \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

1. In Heaven We Will All Have Glorified Bodies.

Read ***1 Corinthians 15:35-53*** We shall receive our new, glorified body at the Rapture - the moment when our Lord shall come in the air and "catch up" Christians.

1. What Will This Glorified Body Look Like? What Does the Bible Say?

The Scripture say's in ***Philippians 3:20,21*** that Jesus is going to “…\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that it may be fashioned \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ glorious body...”

1. ***John 20:20*** Was Jesus recognizable? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proof! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. ***John 20:27*** Was Jesus touchable? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proof! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. ***Acts 1:3*** Was Jesus able to communicate? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proof! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. ***John 20:19; Luke 24:31*** Was Jesus' body physically restricted? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proof!

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1. ***Luke 24:36-43*** Was Jesus able to eat? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proof! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. According to ***Luke 24: 38,39*** What did the Lord Jesus Christ say that His glorified body was made of? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Did the Lord mention blood? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Why not? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***1 Corinthians 15:50***

1. Write out ***1 John 3:2*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What Is Heaven Like?

1. According to ***1 Corinthians 2:9*** is it possible to adequately describe what heaven will be like? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ***Isaiah 64:4***

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1. Read ***2 Corinthians 12:2-4*** Evidently the Apostle Paul was given a “*sneak preview*” of Heaven! Why didn't Paul give us a detailed description of what he saw and heard there?

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1. According to ***Hebrews 9:24*** The very presence of \_ \_ \_ is in Heaven.
2. ***Revelation 4:2-10*** describes The Lord God Almighty's T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which is located in Heaven. Write some of the things you read about it. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Read ***Hebrews 12:22-24*** List the Seven things **to be found** in Heaven.
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3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. The “Centerpiece” of Heaven will be the Holy City of God, The \_ \_ \_

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Revelation 21:2***

What Is the Heavenly Jerusalem Going to Be Like?

1. According to ***John 14:2*** it is currently being P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. ***Hebrews 11:10,16*** tells us the builder of this great city is \_ \_ \_.
3. If there are 8 furlongs to a mile (5 furlongs in 1 kilometer), then what, according

to ***Revelation 21:16*** are the dimensions of this City?

Length \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Breadth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. According to ***Revelation 21:21*** the City has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gates, and each gate is one

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

1. The same verse (as above) tells us the streets of the city are of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

“Down here on earth man thinks of gold as the most valuable thing he can possess. In this City that God is making, where we are promised to live, God paves the streets with it. He also says that the gold is so pure that it is as it were transparent glass.” ***Revelation 21:21***

Praise His Beauty!

Who Shall Inhabit the Heavenly City?

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1. ***Revelation 21:24*** The nations of them which are \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
2. ***Revelation 21:27*** They which are written in the \_ \_ \_ \_’\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of \_ \_ \_ \_.

What Will Be Missing in Heaven?

The Book of The ***Revelation*** Chapters ***21*** and ***22*** give us the most detailed description of our future home. (Of course, like any real estate advertisement, you have to actually see it before you can fully appreciate it!)

There are some things which **will not be found** in Heaven:

A. No more D \_ \_ \_ \_ (***21:4***)

B. No more S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (***21:4***)

C. No more C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (***21:4***)

D. No more P \_ \_ \_ (***21:4***)

E. No more T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (***21:22***)

F. No more S \_ \_ or M \_ \_ \_ (***21:23***)

G. No more N \_ \_ \_ \_ (***21:25*** and ***22:5***)

H. No more C \_ \_ \_ \_ (***22:3***)

What Shall We Do in Heaven?

Don't be led astray by the common notion that we shall be floating around on clouds, dressed in white gowns, flapping a pair of wings, and strumming a harp for all eternity. The Bible teaches NO SUCH THING!

1. In Heaven, We Will Sing Praises to God.

According to ***Revelation 5:9*** the redeemed of all ages will sing a N \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_.

1. In Heaven, We Will Serve God Continually.

See ***Revelation 7:15*** and ***22:3.5***

1. In Heaven, We Will Fellowship Continually.

According to ***Revelation 3:21*** we will \_ \_ \_ with the Lord Jesus Christ in his \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

Can I Have “Heaven on Earth?”

“But as it is written, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, nor \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_, neither hath entered

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of man, the things which God hath p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for them that love him.” ***1 Corinthians 2:9***

The happiest, most memorable, most joyful and loving experiences on earth will pale into insignificance when compared with the bliss of Heaven. Nevertheless, God intends for some things now to be a foretaste of Heaven to come:

Your personal relationship with the Lord / Your Home and Family /

The Brotherhood

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Each of these should reflect (albeit in an incomplete way) a portrait of heaven.

However, the Lord Jesus Christ made it very clear in the scriptures and gives permission to the Christian to not count anything of this world important enough as to have power over him or control him.

Jesus Himself when praying for the Christian specifically said that he was **NOT** praying for the world. ***John 17:9***; ***Colossians 3:1-7***; ***2 Corinthians 4:18***; ***Luke 16:25***.

Jesus says in ***John 17:9***

“I pray for t \_ \_ \_: I pray n \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, but for t \_ \_ \_which thou hast given me; for they are thine.”

The Apostle John led by the Holy Ghost says in ***1 John 2: 15-17***

“L \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, neither the t \_ \_ \_ \_ that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

“In my Father’s house are m \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go

t \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a p \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, t \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ m \_ \_ b \_ a \_ \_ \_.”

***John 14:2,3***

* What did Jesus say in the above verse He was going away to do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Who did the Lord say He was doing it for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* If YOU mean’s YOU, then YOU should write your name in, right?

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* Did the Lord say, if it was not truth, He would have told us that it wasn’t true? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Did the Lord promise to come? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What reason did He say He was coming to get us? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Do you believe Him? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you believe His words? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* According to Gods written word, where are **you** *going* sometime in the future?

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Isn’t that something? Praise His wonderful name!

READING ASSIGNMENT:

Read the last two chapters of the Book of ***Revelation***.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:

Try to commit to memory: ***John 14:2***

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