



Asbury Church

one minute
after you die

September 1, 2019
Sermon Notes
“The Glory of Heaven”
Revelation 21:1-4

I. Misconceptions about Heaven

- A. Heaven will be _____.
- B. This world is our _____.
- C. _____ people go to heaven.

II. Questions about Heaven

- A. What is heaven? Heaven is _____ restored.
- B. What does heaven look like? Anything we know falls _____ of the glory of heaven.
- C. What will we do in heaven? In order to understand what we may be doing in heaven we can look to the Garden of Eden and Jesus’ _____.
- D. What will we look like? We will have _____ heavenly bodies.

III. Why is heaven important?

- A. Heaven is God’s vision for the future and the ultimate _____ and destination of God’s people.
- B. Heaven is the ultimate triumph of _____.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

We all have questions about Heaven? What is it like? Who goes there? Will I see my loved ones? Will I see my pets? Unfortunately, along with all the questions come many misconceptions about heaven. So what does scripture actually tell us about heaven?

Monday: I Corinthians 2:9

Anything we know falls short of the glory of heaven. What do you think heaven will be like? What do you hope to experience when you first enter heaven?

Tuesday: Revelation 19:5-9, 21:1-6

Every day natural disasters, illnesses, some large or small part of the economy going south or the world scene getting more chaotic can make it feel as though the news is trying to snuff out hope. In whom do you place your confidence that “the worst thing is never the last thing”? Do you trust that Jesus meant it when he promised to prepare a place for us so that we can be with him forever (cf. John 14:1-3)? Can you live in hope that, in the end, God will win?

Wednesday: Revelation 22:1-5, 17

“The name of the tree of life tells us its essential meaning: it is an image of eternal or unending life. Being barred from the tree of life pictures the perfection and bliss that the human race lost through its sinfulness. If the tree of life is an image of loss and nostalgia to which we look back, it is also an image of hope to which the Bible looks forward. It reappears at the end of the Bible in the visions of Revelation. It is an image of immortality and eternal life in heaven, a reward for those who have their robes washed in the blood of the Lamb (Rev 22:14).” What do you most look forward to when God makes all things new?

Thursday: Philippians 3:19-20

Paul reminds us that this earth is not our home. Our true home is in heaven. What do you think it looks like to live believing your citizenship is in heaven?

Friday: Hebrews 11:8-10, 11:39-12:2

Hebrews 11 listed many heroes of faith, but concluded, “All these people didn’t receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith.” The true Promised Land, toward which all God’s people journey, is not in this dark, broken world—it is God’s eternal realm of light and unending life. What are your biggest God-given dreams? How can you pursue them fearlessly, knowing that however they do or don’t work out in this life, beyond the limits of this world all the worthy parts of them will come fully true in God’s eternal kingdom?

MOVING FORWARD

Heaven can be thought of as paradise restored. In the Garden of Eden, God and humanity dwelt together. However, humanity was disobedient and paradise was lost. Heaven and earth now become two distinct places. The union of heaven and earth is what the story of the Bible is all about. When Christ returns heaven and earth will be one again and those who put their faith in Christ will live there throughout eternity.

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) boring, B) home, C) good.
- IIA) paradise, B) short, C) teachings, D) new.
- IIIA) goal, B) hope.