Do You Want To Go To Heaven?

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INTRODUCTION

- Do you want to go to heaven?
- I'm not always convinced that if I had the opportunity to go right now, that I really am ready to go right now.
- Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to go now. We all want to go there, but we're just not quite yet ready to leave.

1 We Need To Have A Heavenly Focus

2 Peter 3:10–12; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Philippians 1:21–24

- As God's people, we need to have a heavenly focus. It needs to be something that we desire greatly to do.
- Since these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?
- We ought to be longing for that day to arrive. And the idea of hastening its arrival is the idea that for us it can't get here soon enough.
- That's the attitude we ought to have as Christ's bride, longing for, waiting for, anxiously anticipating our joining with him in heaven.

2 We May Not Even Want To Go To Heaven

2 Corinthians 12:2–4

- I'm afraid that we may not even want to go to heaven at all. Perhaps we don't really want what heaven actually is.
- What we want is a vacation. What we want is something that is carnal, something that is self-centered, something that is personally gratifying.
- But when we think only in these terms, it's all about me. It's all about what I'm going to get out of it.
- The most beautiful language, the most magnificent picture that we can paint of heaven, is really just the strike of a match in comparison to the glory of what heaven actually will be.

3 Heaven Is All About God

Revelation 21:3–7

- Heaven is not about us, and it's not about what we are going to get. Heaven is all about God.
- Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and he will dwell among them, and they shall be his people.
- Do you see who really is emphasized here? It's not us. It's God who is emphasized in this text.

- Not only is it all about God, but our part that we play in it is a role of service. We're not there to be served, we're there to serve him.

4 A Copy Of The Heavenly Tabernacle

Hebrews 9:21–24; Revelation 15:5–8; Deuteronomy 12:5–7

- They are a copy of the heavenly tabernacle, the heavenly temple.
- God's glory came down on the tabernacle in the temple because he dwelt there. And his glory fills the temple in heaven because God dwells in heaven.
- It's a place where God's people go and communicate with God. They speak to him, and God speaks to them in this place.

5 Worshiping Him, Praising Him, Communing With Him

Revelation 4:2–11

- People worshiping him, praising him, honoring him, and communing with him.
- God is the creator. God is the center. He is the focus. He is the everything of heaven. God is the one who makes heaven.
- If he weren't there, it would not be heaven. Being in his presence, worshiping him, that is the reward.

6 A Hard Enough Time Being With God

- We have a hard enough time in the here and now being with God.
- Does a lack of prayerful communion reflect a lack of desire for true closeness and connection with our God?
- Our collective worship is supposed to be a small foretaste of what it will be like in heaven.
- What makes us think that we would somehow be satisfied, let alone enjoy doing nothing but that forever in heaven.
- Until we switch our mindset from being self-centered to being God-centered, we will never really be able to enjoy heaven.

THE CHALLENGE

You need to repent of that as well and make a deliberate decision that you are going to put Him first.

MY NOTES