

## Introduction

- No thought has thrilled the human soul more often, and more abundantly, than the idea of **heaven**.
  - As one commentator said, the earlier chapters of the book of Revelation are often as clean as when that Bible was first purchased, "but the last two chapters are worn from constant reading—and perhaps stained with tears."<sup>1</sup>
- The request was made for us to take a look at the jaw-dropping, heart-rending, tear-jerking concept of the afterlife—the immediate, and the eternal.

## Heaven

### I. IS WHERE THE FATHER IS

- A. JOB 16:19—"Even now, behold, my Witness is **in heaven**, And He that voucheth for me is *on high*."
- B. PSA. 11:4—"Jehovah is in *his holy temple*; Jehovah, **his throne is in heaven**; His eyes behold...the children of men."
- C. ECC. 5:2—"...let not your heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for **God is in heaven**, and you upon *earth*..."
- D. LAM. 3:41—"Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto **God in heaven**."
- E. DAN. 2:28—"...but **there is a God in heaven** that revealeth secrets..."
- F. MATT. 5:16—"your Father **who is in heaven**" (cf. 5:45; 6:1,9; 7:11,21; 10:32,33; 12:50; 16:17; 18:10,14,19; 23:9).
- G. EPH. 6:9 (cf. Col. 4:1)—"Masters, do the same..., knowing that **He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven**..."
- H. 1 KINGS 8:22-53—"And hearken thou to...thy servant, and of thy people Israel, *when they shall pray toward this place*: ...**hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place**; and when thou hearest, forgive" (30; cf. 32,34,36,39,43,45,49).
  - a) This is extremely significant, for, just before this prayer, Solomon said to Jehovah, "I have surely built thee a house of habitation, *a place for thee to dwell in for ever*" (13; cf. 2 Chron. 6:2).
  - b) Yet Solomon understood that that is not where Jehovah *actually resided*—for His abode is *Heaven!*
    - (1) "And the house which I build is great; for great is our God above all gods. But *who is able to build Him a house*, seeing **heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him**? Who am I then, that I should build Him a house, *save only to burn incense before Him*?" (2 Chron. 2:5,6).

### II. IS WHERE JESUS IS

- A. JOHN 1:1,2,14—"In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God**, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning **with God**... And *the Word became flesh*, and dwelt among us..."
- B. JOHN 14:2—"...**I go to** prepare a place for you **[in my Father's house]**... And you know...*where I am going*..."
- C. MARK 16:19—"So then the Lord Jesus...was *taken up into heaven* and sat down **at the right hand of God**."
- D. HEB. 10:12—"But he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down **at the right hand of God**..."
- E. ACTS 7:55—"But [Stephen] looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw...**Jesus** standing **at the right hand of God**..."

### III. IS WHERE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS

- A. GEN. 1:1,2—"In the *beginning* God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and **the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters**."
- B. JOHN 15:26—"But when *the Helper* comes, whom **I will send to you from the Father**, *the Spirit of truth*, who **proceeds from the Father**, he will bear witness about me."

### IV. IS WHERE I CAN BE

- A. JOHN 14:2,3—"In my Father's house are many rooms...; for *I go to prepare a place for you* [there]. And...**I will come again and will receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also**."
- B. 1 PET. 1:3,4—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ [who] has caused us to be born again...unto **an inheritance** that is incorruptible, undefiled, and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**..."

<sup>1</sup> Roper, David L. *Truth for Today Commentary: Revelation 12-22*. Searcy: Resource Publications, 2010. p. 356. Print.

## Hell

### I. IS A PLACE OF **DESTRUCTION**.

- A. MATT. 10:28—"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can **destroy both soul and body in hell.**"

### II. IS A PLACE OF **ENDLESS** DESTRUCTION.

- A. MARK 9:43,48—"It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to **hell**, to **the unquenchable fire... where their worm dieth not...**"

### III. IS WHERE **SATAN & CO.** WILL BE.

- A. MATT. 25:41—"...the *eternal fire* which is **prepared for the devil and his angels.**"
- B. 2 PET. 2:4—"...God did not spare *the angels when they sinned*, but...**committed them to pits of darkness to be kept until the judgment...**"

### IV. IS WHERE **I** CAN BE.

- A. MATT. 25:31-46—"When the Son of Man comes in his glory..., he will sit on his glorious throne... and...**separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats**" (31,32).
1. "Then the King will say *to those on his right*, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, *inherit the kingdom prepared for you* from the foundation of the world...' (34).
  2. "Then he will say *to those on his left*, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the **eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...**' (41).
  3. "And **these will go away into eternal punishment**, but the *righteous* into *eternal life*" (46).
- B. 2 THESS. 1:7-9—"...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, **rendering vengeance on those who know not God**, and on **those who obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus**" (7b,8).
1. "They will suffer the punishment of **eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord** and from the glory of his might..." (9).

## Conclusion

### ➔ **DON'T GO TO HELL.**

"There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are **IN CHRIST JESUS.**"

ROMANS 8:1