

Approximately 35 minutes



## **Sermon Title: The Wonders of Heaven - Our Eternal Home**

### **Opening Prayer:**

Father God, we come before You in the name of Jesus. Thank You for Your Word, which reveals not only how to live today but where we will live forever. Lord, open our hearts and minds to understand the reality of Heaven. Give us eternal perspective. Remove fear, replace it with hope, and anchor us in Your promises. And if anyone listening today is not yet saved, draw them to Yourself. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Introduction: We Were Made for Another World

One of the deepest truths in Scripture is this: this world is not our home.

The Bible tells us in **Philippians 3:20 (NIV)**

**“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Notice that word-citizenship.

You may live in Texas. You may live in the United States. But if you are born again, your true citizenship is in Heaven.

That means Heaven is not a myth. It is not symbolic. It is not just a state of mind.

Heaven is a **real** place.

Jesus Himself said in **John 14:2–3 (NIV):**

**<sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you**

**that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**

Heaven is the Father's house.

And Jesus is personally preparing your place.

## **Point 1: Heaven is a Real, Physical, Perfect Environment**

Sometimes people imagine Heaven as floating on clouds, playing harps, and existing like ghosts. But that is not what Scripture teaches.

Heaven is described as a city.

**Revelation 21:2 (NIV):**

**"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,**

**prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”**

This is not symbolic language only....it is a real city prepared by God.

**Revelation 21:18–21** NIV describes it in detail:

- . Walls of jasper
- . Streets of pure gold
- . Foundations decorated with precious stones
- . Gates made of single pearls

**<sup>18</sup> The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup> the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh**

**jacinth** 👉 JAY-sinth, **and the twelfth**  
**amethyst.** 👉 AM-uh-thist or (ham-uh-  
mist) **<sup>21</sup> The twelve gates were twelve**  
**pearls, each gate made of a single pearl.**  
**The great street of the city was of gold,**  
**as pure as transparent glass.**

But this is not just about beauty. It is about perfection.

Everything in Heaven reflects the holiness of God.

- There is no decay.
- No rust.
- No corruption.
- No brokenness.
- No sin.
- No death.

**Revelation 21:4** (NIV)<sup>4</sup> **'He will wipe every**  
**tear from their eyes. There will be no**  
**more death' or mourning or crying or**

***pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”***

Imagine living in a place where nothing ever breaks.

Nothing ever wears out.

Nothing ever ages.

Nothing ever dies.

## **Point 2: Heaven is a Place of Perfect Security**

Here on earth, everything is uncertain.

You lock your doors.

You insure your property.

You worry about health, safety, and loss.

But Heaven is perfectly secure.

**Revelation 21:25 (NIV) “On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.”**

In ancient cities, gates were closed at night for protection.

But Heaven’s gates never close.

Because there is no danger.

- No threat.
- No enemy.
- Satan will be gone.
- Sin will be gone.
- Fear will be gone.

You will never feel unsafe again.

### **Point 3: Heaven is a Place of Perfect Joy and Fellowship**

The greatest part of Heaven is not the streets of gold.

It is the presence of God.

***Revelation 21:3 (NIV)<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.***

You will live in the direct presence of God.

- No distance.
- No separation.
- No barrier.

***1 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV)<sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.***

You will experience perfect fellowship with God.

 Perfect peace.

👉 Perfect joy.

***Psalm 16:11 (NIV) <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.***

- Not temporary joy.
- Not fading joy.

👉 Forever joy.

## **Point 4: Heaven is a Place Where Nothing Will Ever Cause You to Fall Again**

Let me share an illustration from my beautiful wife on Darla's life...

When Darla was younger, she came home from cheerleading camp. Her mother had

the cleaning lady polish the stairs with Pledge to make them beautiful.

The stairs looked perfect.

- They were shiny.
- Smooth.
- Beautiful.

Darla made her way up those stairs, and when she reached the top, suddenly her footing slipped.

And she fell.

Everything looked perfect...but underneath, it was slippery.

That is exactly what life on earth is like.

- Things look secure.
- Things look stable.
- Things look beautiful.

But underneath, this world is **unstable**.

People fall.

- Physically.
- Emotionally.
- Spiritually.

Even believers stumble.

Even believers struggle.

But Heaven will be different.

There will be nothing there that causes you to fall.

**Jude 24 (NIV):<sup>24</sup> To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—**

- Without fault.
- Without stumbling.
- Without falling.

Imagine living in a place where your body never weakens.

- Your mind never struggles.

- Your heart never breaks.
- Your soul never battles sin.

You will stand forever secure.

## **Point 5: Heaven is a Place Where You Will Receive a Glorified Body**

Right now, we live in fragile bodies.

- Bodies that age.
- Bodies that get sick.
- Bodies that grow tired.

But Heaven includes a glorified body.

***Philippians 3:21 (NIV) <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.***

Jesus' resurrected body could:

- . Walk
- . Talk
- . Eat
- . Be recognized

But it was no longer subject to death or decay.

👉 That is the kind of body believers will receive.

- No disease.
- No aging.
- No weakness.

Ever again.

## **Point 6: Heaven is a Place of Purpose, Not Boredom**

Some people worry Heaven will be boring.

But Heaven will be full of purpose.

**Revelation 22:3 (NIV) <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.**

- 👉 You will serve God.
- 👉 You will explore His creation.
- 👉 You will grow in knowledge.
- 👉 You will experience new wonders forever.
- 👉 Eternity will not be repetitive.

It will be endlessly fulfilling.

Because God Himself is infinite.

## **Point 7: Heaven is a Place Prepared Specifically for You**

Jesus said in **John 14:2-3 (NIV) <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that**

**were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**

👉 “I am going there to prepare a place for you.”

Not a generic place.

Your place.

Prepared personally.

👉 The Creator of the universe is preparing your eternal home.

And He has been preparing it for over 2,000 years.

Imagine how incredible it will be!!!!

## Point 8: The Greatest Joy of Heaven is Seeing Jesus

**Revelation 22:4 (NIV) <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.**

- The One who died for you.
- The One who saved you.
- The One who carried your sin.

You will see Him face to face.

👉 No faith required.

👉 No distance.

Just presence.

### **Born Again Invitation:**

Listen... please.... here is the most important truth you will hear today.

Not everyone goes to Heaven automatically.

Jesus said in **John 3:3** (NIV)

**“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”**

Heaven is not earned by good works.

👉 It is received through **faith in Jesus Christ.**

Jesus died on the cross for your sins.

- He took your punishment.
- He rose from the dead.
- And He offers eternal life as a gift.

**Romans 10:9** (NIV)

**“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”**

If you have never been born again, you can be saved right now.... This very moment.

Pray this from your heart:

**Lord Jesus,  
I know I am a sinner.  
I believe You died for my sins and rose again.  
I ask You to forgive me.  
Come into my life.  
Be my Lord and Savior.  
I place my trust in You.  
Thank You for saving me.  
Amen.**

If you prayed these words sincerely with faith, you are now a citizen of Heaven.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Father God, thank You for the promise of Heaven. Thank You that this broken world is not the end of the story. Thank You for preparing a perfect place for Your people. Help us live with eternal perspective. Strengthen our faith. Comfort our hearts. And use our lives to point others to Jesus. In His mighty name we pray, Amen.**



Matthew 28:19-20