## What do we know about heaven?

The idea of heaven has long been discussed in philosophy, religion, and the arts. Although the concept of heaven is generally used as a euphemism of exceptionally good events or an exceptionally good place many people actually discount its actual existence and fewer comprehend its environment. Some even go as far as to describe it as a place where everyone will ultimately find themselves.

1. What is meant by heaven?

Revelation 22:1-5

John 14:1-4

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place of God and His people. It is a place where there will be no tears nor pain nor anything that offends neither God nor His people. It is the place that Jesus is preparing for His people to dwell with Him forever.

2. Where is heaven located?

Genesis **28:10-13** Hebrews **12:22**  Psalm 139:8 1 Kings 8:27, **30** 

Psalm 123:1

Metaphorically heaven is described as being "up" this is generally used to describe it as being in direct contrast to hell which is "down". Although heaven is a real place, it is often defined simply as the place where God dwells.

Hebrews 11:14-16

The best way to picture the physical location of heaven is a place that is perpetually and infinitely linked to God's presence.

3. Who will be in heaven?

John **3:12-15**, **36**; 10:7-10; **14:4-6** 

Psalm **15:1-5**; 34:17-18; 51:17; 80:1-3

Ezekiel 11:19-20; **36:24-27** 

Matthew **7:21-23**; 18:3-5

Acts **4:10-12**; 16:30-31

The only people that will be in heaven are those whom the Lord God has cleansed by giving them a new heart and a new set of desires. The only way to receive this new heart is by having faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. What will people in heaven be experiencing?

Luke 16:22

Psalm 69:34

Matthew 5:48

Revelation 5:9-10; 12:7-11; 14:1-5; 15:1-4; 19:9-10; 21:3-7, 18-22; 22:1-5

Those who enter into heaven will experience the personal and full presence of God. In such a state, there will be darkness nor night but only the light of the presence of God. There will be no pain nor suffering nor sorrow but only joy and praise to our God. We will sing of the joys of our God and continually exalt the person of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. How long will people be in heaven? Daniel **12:1-2** 

Every soul will dwell for eternity. Those in heaven will dwell for ever and ever in the full presence of God.