

A Beautiful Place Called Heaven

John 14:1-3

Theme: Heaven

Aim: To show that heaven is real and a place we want to go.

1. I have read where some preachers have abandoned the notion of heaven and hell.
2. But such is ignoring a very real Biblical subject.
3. What does the Bible say about heaven?

I. Is it real?

A. Jesus said it was!

1. John 14:1-3. Notice the emphasis... plenty of room for all!
2. Matthew 25:31-46.

B. Other New Testament writers affirm its existence.

1. Paul; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8, Philippians 4:17-21, Colossians 1:3-8, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18.
2. Peter; 1 Peter 1:3-9.
3. John; Revelation 21 & 22.

II. What is it like?

A. From the verses we have already read:

1. A place where there is room for all, John 14:1-3.
2. A place prepared, by God, for the eternal dwelling place of the righteous in glory, Matthew 25 and 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8.
3. To this we add it is a spiritual existence, not bound by the limitations of this world, 1 Corinthians 15:29-58.

B. But let's take a minute to look at Revelation 21 & 22.

1. God's presence will be there, 21:1-8 (note what will not be there).
2. God's protection will be there, 21:9-21 (note the beauty and perfection of the place).
3. We will dwell under a loving God's sovereignty, 21:22-27.
4. God will provide every need, 22:1-5.

III. Who is going there?

A. As comforting as such a thought is, all are not going to heaven.

1. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-12.
2. Remember the separation of the sheep and goats? Some will not make it, Matthew 7:21-23.

B. Who is going?

1. Those prepared, Matthew 25. Two parables and the account of the separation of the sheep and goats say "Be prepared!"
2. It is the righteous, Matthew 25:46. How do we become righteous? Not by our own merit, but through Jesus Christ.
3. Those who obey, Matthew 7:13:14. Those who do His will, 21-27.

1. Story of the man and the radio preacher.
2. Do you want to go to heaven? Have you made preparation?

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