



Waiting on Heaven

Message Notes, April 22, 2018

What were you taught about what heaven will/won't be like? What does the Bible say about heaven? (And what is heaven *not*?)

Do you look forward to heaven? Why or why not?

What are some earthly things that you are glad will not be a part of heaven? Are there any earthly things that you aren't sure will be a part of heaven that you want to be a part of heaven?

Based on the part of the Lord's prayer, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven ..." – What are things/people/situations in your life where you want/need His Kingdom to come?

Ask God for at least one practical way that you can bring more of heaven to earth.

Considering Ephesians 2:8-10 and that we are "created in Jesus to do good works ..." – What are some of the "good works" that God has in mind for you to be doing? Ask God if there is any new "good work" that He wants you to be working on.

Other Points to Ponder

- Heaven is more than just a nice alternative to hell.
- Heaven is more than just the prize for being a Christian.
- We are to be about "pronouncing the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:14-21). What does His favor look like? How do we pronounce it?
- Would we want heaven if Jesus wasn't there? (Would heaven even be heaven if Jesus wasn't there?)
- When John was describing heaven as having "streets of gold" (Revelation 21), he was trying to put earthly words to heavenly images. John was saying that the most valuable stuff on earth (gold) is used to pave the streets.
- "If you're not dead, you're not done." We do look forward to heaven, but it's not a passive waiting! We can actively cooperate with God's Spirit here and now even as we wait.

"I Give Myself Away" (<https://youtu.be/Ha3JbND1Sgq>)

I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me

Here I am
Here I stand
Lord, my life is in your hands
Lord, I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me

Take my heart
Take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams all my plans
Lord I place them in your hands

My life is not my own
To you I belong
I give myself, I give myself to you