

## **SOME THOUGHTS CONCERNING HEAVEN**

**1Pet.1:3-5**

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. That heaven is a Bible subject all agree – both saint and sinner; even those who do not accept the Bible as God’s written word agree; even the Atheist, who denies there is a God, agrees that the Bible speaks of heaven.
2. Of all the people who believe the Bible, and thus believe in heaven, some are and some are not prepared.
3. Some of those know they are prepared for it, some do not know; while some think they have prepared and are prepared for it, but are not!
4. In this lesson we shall confine our study to thoughts concerning heaven which the N.T. Scriptures reveal.
5. As we take note of these, please be reminded that as far as these thoughts pertain to men in their present spiritual relationship to God, some are happy thought, some are sobering thoughts, some are disturbing thoughts.
6. With this in view, consider the following thoughts concerning heaven.

### **II. DISCUSSION**

#### **A. HEAVEN WILL BE THE ETERNAL ABODE AND SPIRITUAL REWARD OF THE RIGHTEOUS, THE SAVED.**

1. Mt.5:11,12; 19:21; 25:46; 2Cor.5:1,2; 1Tim.6:17-19; Mt.6:19-21; Heb.10:34. Cf. 2Tim.4:6-8.
2. But who are the righteous and how are they made righteous in God’s sight? 1Jno.3:7; 1Jno.2:29; Rom.1:16,17; 3:20-26; 10:1-3; 4:3-8; Jas.2:23,24; Ac.10:34,35. See Mk.16:15,16; 1Pet.1:21-25.

#### **B. HEAVEN IS THE HOPE OF THE RIGHTEOUS, i.e., THE CHRISTIAN, THE ONE REDEEMED FROM PAST SINS.**

1. Tit.1:2; Col.15; 2Tim.4:6-8; 1Jno.2:24,25; Mk.10:30; 1Pet.1:3-5,9; 1Th.1:8-10; Rom.8:24,25.

#### **C. HEAVEN IS A PREPARED PLACE FOR A PREPARED PEOPLE.**

1. 1Pet.1:3-5; 1Jno.2:24,25; Heb.5:8,9; 2Pet.1:5-11; 1Pet.4:17,18.
2. Cf. Ac.2:40; Phil.2:12; Rev.2:10,11; 12:11; 2:7; 2:26; 3:5,21.

**D. HEAVEN WILL BE WORTH THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP, WHATEVER THE EARTHLY COST.**

1. Mt.16:24-27; Rom.12:1,2; Rom.8:14-18; 2Cor.4:16,17; Tit.2:11-14.
2. Cf. 2Tim.3:12; Mt.5:10-12; 1Pet.1:3-9; 4:12-19 (Ac.14:21,22).

**E. NOT ALL WHO ANTICIPATE HEAVEN AS THEIR ETERNAL ABODE WILL MAKE IT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A FALSE HOPE.**

1. Mt.7:13,14; 7:21-27; Prov.14:12.
2. Mk.16:15,16; 2Th.1:6-10; Jas.2:14-26.

**III. CONCLUSION**

1. What preparations have you made for heaven? Heb.5:8,9.
2. What preparations are you willing to make for heaven?
3. If you haven't made any preparations for heaven, but you tell yourself you intend to do so, we ask, **WHEN?**
4. What if you wait too long and miss heaven? Mt.25:46a; Mk.9:43-48.
5. If you wait until after death, you will have waited too long!
6. If you die lost, you will face the Lord in the final judgment lost, and that eternally! There will be no second chance there! Lk.16:19-31; 2Th.1:6-10.

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