

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Hebrews 11:13-16 - 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them,[a] embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

FACTS ABOUT HEAVEN:

1. Will we know other people?

- A. **New body – II Corinthians 5:4** - For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.
 - a. **Eat food – Revelation 19:9** - Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."
 - b. **Access physical & spiritual – Matthew 17:14 - 19** Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled,[a] for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
 - c. **Acts 8:39-40** - 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.
- B. **Meet Bible Characters – Hebrews 12:1** - Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- C. **See Loved Ones – David II Samuel 12:23** - But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."
- D. **Children – Deuteronomy 1:39** - Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.

2. What is heaven like?

- A. **John 14:1 - 1** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions;[a] if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.[b] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
- B. **Like earth – Hebrews 8:5** - who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."
- C. **Perfect World – Revelation 21** - Well, in Revelation 21 we read where John is given a vision of Heaven coming down from the sky... It is so incredible that mere words can not describe it... but John tries to even though he is limited by the vocab that we have as humans. John tells us that the heavenly city is surrounded by high protective walls the foundations of which are made of precious stones. He says that the city is made of pure transparent Gold and jasper. That

the 12 gates symbolic of the city's access and openness are constructed of 12 large pearls. He says that in this city there is no need for a temple, for God and His son are there. It also has no need for the sun, for God's glory and Jesus provide all the illumination that is needed. And there's no more night or darkness. And through the city flows the river of life, it is as clear as crystal, its source coming from the very throne of God. And along its banks grows the tree of life, yielding 12 different monthly fruits. It will be a perfect place to live - creation which has suffered because of the fall will be restored and for mankind. Paradise will be regained! All that was lost to man in his first home, lost because of sin, will be returned to him 100 fold in his final home. Heaven is going to be an incredible - a perfect world; the world you've always dreamed of.

3. How will the journey take place?

- A. **Acts 1:9** - Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
- B. **Lazarus** – Luke 16:22 - 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

4. Is there equality in heaven?

- A. **I Corinthians 3** - 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.
- B. **Luke 19** - 15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

5. Will we see God?

- A. **I John 3:2** - Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- B. **John 14:3** - And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

6. What will we do in heaven?

- A. **Worship – Revelation 5:11-14** - 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four[b] elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.
- B. **Service – Revelation 7:15** - 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

7. Will there be anymore trouble?

- A. Lane of "No Mores" –
 - a. **Revelation 7:16-17** - 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will

shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.[a] And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

8. Who is going to heaven?

- A. **II Corinthians 5:10** - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- B. **Revelation 20:12** - And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.
- C. Prepared Place for a Prepared People

Conclusion:

- A. **Deuteronomy 11:21** - that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.
- B. **Matthew 6:10** - Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.