

# What It's Like in Heaven



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Do you ever think about what it's like in heaven? Since my mom went to be with Jesus, I've been thinking about it a lot.

Second Corinthians 5 encourages us that being absent from the body means believers are with the Lord. And I believe that! Since my mother is not here, that means she is WITH HIM! Talk about relief! Whew and praise the Lord!

When Colossians 3:2 calls out, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things," that's EXACTLY what I'm doing. Now, I ponder what's going on up there. And I have lots of questions!

I can picture the song, "I Can Only Imagine" playing out

in my mind. My mom loved Jesus, so when she saw Him... she probably cried. But what then?!

I'm wondering...when you get to heaven, are all your believing family members lined up to see you? Like in a tunnel at a football game? Do they call your name over a loudspeaker so they know who is coming next? Is there a ginormous white board listing new arrivals?

When you get to heaven, is there an Orientation you go through so you will know where everything is? And do Bible "greats" have break-out sessions where you can stop by and get the details? "Moses is in mansion #301, Noah in

#120, Simon Peter #402..." I want the scoop on it all!

Are their "regions" in heaven? Do all the Kentuckians hang out together in one spot? Will I still have an accent?!

Is there coffee in heaven? I want to think there is! I picture my mom sitting at a table with Corrie ten Boom, Harriet Tubman and Mary the mother of Jesus. In my mind, I see them talking and laughing-all women of courage.

And who has "cloud duty"? Do they take turns? You may call them cirrus, cumulus or stratus, but I call them amazing! Every day, the sky displays a breath-taking work of art for us to behold if we only look up. Do you see it, too? One

day last week, it looked as if three different abstract artists had worked on it. Yesterday evening, there were layers upon layers of fluffy clouds from bright white, to light blue and then a deeper slate blue. Whose turn was that?! (I'm not very artistic, so I don't know if it will ever be me.)

It has only been a few weeks since my sweet mother has been in heaven yet it seems like it's already been a year. It still hurts deeply. But... I am choosing-hourly, daily-to think of the good things and still have joy. I'm trusting the God she trusted and I'm looking forward to seeing her again! Then I will know all the answers!

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Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart. If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; you will remove iniquity far from your tents.

JOB 22: 21-23



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### seeds of Hope

The word glad in Scripture carries with it the idea of happiness and joyfulness, pleasure and freedom. In God's Word, however, there is a source for gladness: the Lord. The Psalmist writes, "For You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands."

This source for our gladness does not come from anything we have accomplished or any ladder of success that we might have climbed. It does not come from wealth that we may have accumulated or records we have set. It does not come from any amount of power we have because of our achievements. This gladness that the Psalmist writes about comes from what God has done for us.

Another Psalmist wrote, "But may all who search for You be filled with joy and gladness. May those who love Your salvation repeatedly shout, 'The Lord is great.'" And another Psalmist said, "Let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence."

We often set "goals" for ourselves that we think will bring a sense of well-being and fulfillment to us - the "if only" statements we make: "If only I can get a promotion I will be satisfied," or "If only we had a larger home our family will be happy," or "If only..." and the list goes on.

But the "glad" that comes from God that can fill our hearts and lives comes as a result of what He has done for us: made possible our salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son and our Savior. Because of Him we can be glad and sing for joy, we can know that "all things are working together" for our good and His glory.

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## O' Sinner Man

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There is an old song in some hymn books entitled, 'O' Sinner Man, where are you going to turn to on that day?'

There are several things therein that we may rightly assume was in the mind of the writer. First of all, 'that day,' most likely is in reference to the coming Day of Judgment before the throne of Jesus Christ. This truth is given validation that is stated in **2 Corinthians 5:6**, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Then, secondly, I believe that we can rightly assume that his interest at the time of this writing was invested in the interest of the unconverted sinner. This is a good message unto all who already claim to belong to Jesus; we need to interested in the unsaved ones also. Another thing that Paul's writing indicates is that the saved man will have nothing to fear on that great day, simply because of obeying and living faithfully for the Lord all the says of their life. John 5:28-29 guarantees them the resurrection of God.

Then in Revelation 20:11-15, it will be a day of an open book. These books are the books of the Old Testament for those who lived in that day and the New Testament books that will reveal what all truth and non-truth is as well. And there will be a book of life there as well, and all of the saved will be named therein.

Also, it is a dangerous thing to ignore the book because our Lord says in **John 12:48**, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Then, know this, when our Lord returns, it will be a day of eternal rewards. **Revelation 22:12** says so. But, notice what is said "according as his work shall be." This should invoke us to ask ourself, what kind of reward will mine be? Then, remember, you are presently making the choice!

The song writer ask of the Saviour, 'When are you going to run on that day?' So we see that he thinks that all the unsaved will be trying to find a place to hide from Jesus on that day. Men, in some

way, are trying to hide from their responsibility to prepare for that day; some by wrapping themselves up in the Wal-Mart store or visiting flea markets, or by meeting for Sunday dinner with Grandma, or taking a day of recreation on the water or a drive on some highway. But, we need to know that when our Lord returns, there will be no place to give our attention unto except our Lord sitting on his throne. **Revelation 1:7** says, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." So, people of today, for the most part give our Lord much of their time, but on this day he will have the utmost of their attention.

John also says it will be a day of wailing, great regret and sorrow. Then in Revelation 6:12-17, it says it will be a dark day with the Heavens choking and the stars falling like figs in a tree in the wind. Then the heavens shall start to roll back like a scroll; the mountains will quiver, and the isles of the seas will start wandering.

Then, all the great kings, every noted man; rich men, chief men, captains, mighty me; every slave and all non-slaves will attempt to hide themselves in the dens and in the rock places. All trying to run and hide from Jesus, begging to the mountains, 'fall on us, hide us from his face and from his wrath,' for the day is come and who will be able to stand?

I believe I know the answer. In **Ephesians 6:14-15**, Paul says to the saints in Ephesus, "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"

So, today, most will not bow the knee in submission to the Christ who gave his all for us. But, on that day, there will be many confessions made. There will be many bending knees. (Romans 14:11-12) But all to no avail, because when our Lord returns, he will be in the form of a sacrificial lamb (sacrifice for some), but he will be ruling and reigning as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. (Read Revelations 5:1-5 and 19:11-16)

In closing, to all who may know me or just read this article, let me say this. My total goal in life is to serve myself and your soul as well. If I were not saved at this time, I would be seeking someone to instruct me in a quest for the information I would need to save me.

I hop this will remind, convict, and convince you today to get right with the Lord. Call anytime.  
*Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local*

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

LEVITICUS 19:18

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## Americanisms

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— Warren Buffett

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