

A STUDY OF HEAVEN

PART 6

What Will We Do In Heaven?

Will Heaven be boring?

Reasons We Assume Heaven is Boring:

1. We think God is boring.

“Satan’s most basic strategy, the same one he employed with Adam and Eve, is to make us believe that sin brings fulfillment. However, in reality, sin robs us of fulfillment.” - Randy Alcorn

2. We think our lives as Christians are boring.

3. We have erroneous ideas about what we will do in Heaven and on the New Earth.

What Will We Do on the New Earth?

1. We will Work and Our Work Will Be Fulfilling

Isaiah 65:17-22

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.”

2. We Will Continue to Create Culture.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Gene Veith, Jr.

“In God’s design, each person is to love his or her neighbors and to serve them with the gifts appropriate to each vocation. . . . The result is a divine division of labor in which everyone is constantly giving and receiving in a vast interchange, a unity of diverse people in a social order whose substance and energy is love.”

Cornelius Venema

“Every legitimate and excellent fruit of human culture will be carried into and contrite to the splendor of life in the new creation. Rather than the new creation being a radically new beginning, in which the excellent and noble fruits of humankind’s fulfillment of the cultural mandate are whole discarded—the new creation will benefit from, and be immensely enriched by, its recipe of these fruits.”

This redeemed culture will look much like culture now, just purified of sin:

- We will make music.
- We will dance and sing.
- We will tell stories.
- We will be creative.
- We will laugh.
- We will play.

3. We Will Rule This New Creation.

2 Peter 3:13

“But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

Luke 6:20-23

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Now What?

C. S. Lewis

“I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; i must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others do the same.”

Philippians 3:20-21

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”