

What's a Biblical Framework for Heaven? May 28, 2023

Colossians 3:1-2, *“If you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.”*

Matthew 25:46, *“These (the unrighteous) will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”*

Philippians 1:21-23, *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better.”*

2 Corinthians 5:6-8, *“Being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight— ⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”*

Ecclesiastes 7:1-2, *“A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth. ² It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.”*

Philippians 3:20, *“Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

“In heaven can we talk to God and ask Him questions?”

John 14:2-3, *“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ 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.”*

Hebrews 11:16, *“They desire a better country, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.”*

Revelation 19:9, *“Then he said to me, ‘Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”*

Revelation 22:1-4, *“Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ² in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴ they will see God’s face.”*

2 Peter 3:10-13, *“The day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.*

¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! ¹³ But according to God’s promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.”

Colossians 1:19-20, *“For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.”*

“Will there be anything but praise and rivers in heaven?”

Isaiah 25:6; 8, *“On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁸ The Lord will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.”*

Matthew 8:11, *“I say to you that many will come from east and west, and dine at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”*