
What Does the Bible Say About Heaven? (#5): Bored or Busy?

1. Observations from Creation

a. God Created Mankind to Actively Rule Over Creation

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

b. God Created Mankind to Work in Creation

Gen 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

c. God Created Mankind to Need Other Humans

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Matt 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

2. Observations from the Words of Jesus

a. We Will Fellowship with Believers from All of Time

Matt 8:11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

b. We Will Enjoy Unrestricted Access to Jesus

Matt 19:13-15 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put *His* hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." ¹⁵ And He laid *His* hands on them and departed from there.

c. We Will Receive Great Reward (Based Upon This Life)

Luke 6:22-23 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Matt 25:21 His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

d. We Will Dwell in God-Prepared Homes

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

3. Observations from the Epistles

a. We Will Enjoy Each Other As a Perfect Family

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Eph 3:14-15 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

b. We Will Enjoy the Company of Saints and Angels

Heb 12:22-23 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

c. We Will Enjoy Ongoing, Amazing Blessing

Eph 2:7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

d. We Will Have Times of Whole-Hearted Worship

Phil 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2 Thes 1:10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

e. We Will Have an Enduring Possession

Heb 10:32b-35 you endured a great struggle with sufferings: ³³ partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; ³⁴ for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. ³⁵ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

1 Pet 1:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

4. Observations from the Revelation

a. We Will Experience God Living on Earth With Us

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

b. We Will Exist in Organized Nations

Rev 21:22-26 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.