



## *E-Mail Newsletter* *Bringing The Word of Life*

"... that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

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### Heaven and How to Get There

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What sort of a place is it and how do you get there?" I am going to tell you what God plainly teaches about it in His Word. True thoughts of the life that is to come, clothe the life that now is, with new beauty and strength. Let us then think awhile about Heaven.

### The Perfection of Beauty



It is a place of incomparable external, as well as internal beauty. This appears from such descriptions as we have in the 21st and 22nd chapters of the last book in the Bible. The God of the Bible is a God of beauty. There will be in Heaven the perfection of beauty. Perfection of form, colour, sound, and odour. The beauty that is to be is necessarily indescribable.

But the beauty of Heaven, as good and attractive as it is, will be its least important characteristic. Heaven will be a place of high, holy, and ennobling companionships. The best and wisest and noblest men of all ages will be there. All the purest, noblest, most unselfish the world has known.

The joys we find in the companionship of noble, unselfish thoughtful people here, in the dearest companionships we know, give but the faintest conception of the joys of Heaven's companionships.

Jesus Christ is there. (Acts 7:56, "And said, Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God." Heb. 4: 14, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession;" 8: 1, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the Heavens"). To Paul this was one of the most attractive thoughts about Heaven.

God Himself is there too. In a sense He is everywhere, but Heaven is the place of His peculiar presence and manifestation of Himself. (II Chron. 6:30, "Then hear thou from Heaven thy dwelling-place;" Matt. 6: 10, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven"). We shall hold communion with Him.

### A Place of Glad Reunions

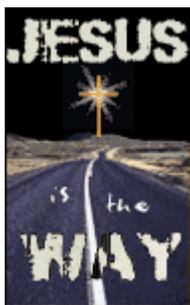
Heaven will be a place of glad reunions. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up in the clouds, together with "those who have left us, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4: 17). The bereaved wife shall meet again

the husband she has missed so long; the son shall meet again the mother whose departure left his life so desolate.

There we shall meet again children who were removed from us in all the beauty of their early life, and whom we have never forgotten through all the months and years that have passed since. Ah! what glad days those coming days will be when we meet again never more to part.

There will be no death in Heaven. No breaking hearts as we look for the last time into the faces of loved ones as cheeks grow ashen, as eyes glaze. No watching the undertaker as he screws down the coffin lid on the one we loved, no black dresses and veils, no funerals passing through the streets, no standing by a yawning grave and watching a coffin lowered into it, no listening to the cold clods as they fall remorselessly on the box that contains the form of the one we love so much and whose departure leaves life so cheerless. Thank God there is no death in Heaven.

## Jesus the Only Way to Heaven



Are we all on the way? I fear there are those who hope to be there, but they have not started. When are you going to make a start? You must make a start if you are ever to see the loved ones who have gone before. Remember, there is only one way there, and that is the narrow way.

Jesus is the way, and no man can come to the Father but by HIM. If you reject Him you shut the door to heaven on yourself. Heaven is a prepared place, and you must be prepared for heaven by repenting of your sin and putting your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

*When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days, to sing God's praise,  
Than when we've first begun.*

## EXCUSES THAT COULD KEEP YOU OUT OF HEAVEN

**Text: Luke 14:16-22**

Summarize the passage. An EXCUSE is something said to hide the real reason for wrong actions. It is an attempt to cover up a shortcoming or sin. For example, every man has excuses for his neglect of duty; the debtor makes excuses for delay of payment; the student for being absent or failing in exams. Beware! Excuses can damn not only the character but the souls of men. Today we look at seven excuses that have kept millions of disobedient souls from heaven and into hell.

### 1. *Everybody else is doing it.*

Every great man of God that was used of God was a non-conformist. The Bible commands us not to be conformed to this world (**Rom. 12:2; I John 2:15**). Enoch did not conform to the world. He walked with God. Noah in his day was different. Abraham took God's path when everyone including Lot went to Sodom. Daniel and his three friends were different. Paul and the rest of the Apostles did the thing God wanted them to do, but were unpopular by human standards!

Friend, the majority is not always right! They were wrong during the time of Noah; wrong during the time of Lot; wrong during the time of Elijah; wrong during the crucifixion of Jesus! They will also be wrong in our time! (**Prov. 16:25**)

## 2. *Times have changed.*

They sure have, but God and His word have not changed. Weather, politics, society, fashion and even religion change but God's word does not! (**Mal. 3:6; Isa. 40:8**). In this present hi-tech world, the wages of sin is still death, both physical and eternal. Science and technology have greatly aided us but have also sped up sin and rebellion against God!

## 3. *I have my own religion.*

Some say, "I was raised up in another church or religion. It does not matter what religion you have." The question is – do you have salvation? Do you know that your sins are forgiven and that you have eternal life? God makes it clear that you can be saved from hell even now (**John 1:12; I John 5:11-13**).

*An excuse is the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie. Billy Sunday*

## 4. *It doesn't matter what you believe for, as long as you are sincere, God will accept you.*

Satan has used this excuse more than any other to send people to hell. Friend, you may have faith but unless your faith is in Jesus, you can't be saved. You may have good morality but unless you have Jesus, you cannot enter heaven (**John 14:6**). Salvation is found not in religion or anything else on earth but in the person and finished work of Jesus at Calvary!

## 5. *I don't understand the Bible and have questions.*

Ignorance is no excuse for not being saved in God's way! **Rom. 1:20** says we are without excuse. We don't need to know everything before we can believe and accept things. We live in a world full of things that we don't fully understand like–conception, birth, death– but we believe and accept such!

## 6. *I'll postpone my decision till a convenient time.*

The Bible is full of people who put the issue off and perished!

- A. The rich young ruler (**Luke 18:18-24**)
- B. The rich man in hell (**Luke 16:19-25**)
- C. Governor Felix (**Acts 24:22-25**)
- D. King Agrippa (**Acts 26:27-28**)

*'Tomorrow', he promised his conscience,  
'Tomorrow, I mean to believe.  
'Tomorrow, I'll think as I ought to,  
Tomorrow my Saviour receive.  
Tomorrow I'll conquer the habits,  
That hold me from heaven away.'  
And ever his conscience repeated,  
One word, and one only - 'Today!'*

*Tomorrow! Tomorrow! Tomorrow!  
Thus day after day it went on.  
Tomorrow! Tomorrow! Tomorrow!  
Till youth with its vision was gone,  
Till age and its passions had written  
The message of fate on his brow,  
And forth from the shadows came Death  
With the pitiless syllable, 'Now!'*

## 7. *I am too bad to be forgiven.*

In Acts 2 Peter preached on Pentecost and saw some of the men who crucified Jesus believe. The Apostle Paul called himself "the chief of sinners" (**I Tim. 1:15**). God can instantly forgive any repentant sinner right now (**Isa. 1:18**)

**Conclusion:** Say you were sitting on the railroad tracks and a fast train was coming

toward you. You can make one of three possible decisions:

- (1) *You can totally ignore the train and pretend like it was not coming until it hits you!*
- (2) *You can say, "The train is still quite far off and I still have time. I'll just wait till it gets closer then move away."*
- (3) *You can heed the warning and get off the track quickly and be saved.*

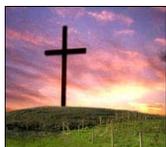
Only one of these responses will save your life. Which one will you make? Be wise and heed the warning of God in His word – **Luke 19:10; 13:3; II Pet. 3:9**. Unsaved friend, entrust your soul and eternal destiny to Jesus Christ.....NOW! *Rodelio Mallari*

### Point to Ponder

*Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Anon*

Heaven is the centre of the Christian's universe and he is bound to it by eight golden links:

- His Father is there – Matthew 6: 9
- His Saviour is there – Hebrews 9: 24
- His home is there – John 14: 2
- His name is there – Luke 10: 20
- His life is there – Colossians 3:1-3
- His heart is there – Matthew 6: 19-21
- His inheritance is there – 1 Peter 1: 3-5
- His citizenship is there – Philippians 3: 20



Nothing to pay? – No, not a whit;  
Nothing to do? – no, not a bit;  
All that was needed to do or to pay  
Jesus has done in His own blessed way.

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*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10: 28-29.*