

Heaven, Part 2 Series: Heaven and the Afterlife

1. Rev 21-22 - The entire creation will in many ways go back to the way it all was in the beginning- perfect, pure, unstained by _____. Only this time, we will have the memory of sin, which will give us a much greater appreciation for what God has done, in His love, to allow us to live in that heavenly paradise
2. Vision - the destination; heaven is the goal/_____ of human existence
3. Gen 1-3 – the original paradise (revisited/refined in Rev 21, only better)
4. OT Prophets:
 - a. Is 2 - "In that day, swords turned into plow-shares, spears to pruning hooks
 - 1) no _____; heaven will be a place of peace
 - b. Is 11 - "In that day, the wolf will live with the lamb
 - 1) even the animals will live in perfect harmony
 - 2) God *cares* that animals not suffer (St Francis of Assisi)
5. Gospels, life and ministry of Jesus
 - a. When we see Jesus, we see something of the _____ realm breaking into our earthly realm.
 - b. Jesus' Teachings

Mt 20: in heaven, the first shall be _____ and the last shall be first

Mt 20: "If you want to be great, you must first become a servant"

- The greatest in heaven, are the nicest, most generous, giving, gracious people

Mt 18: "You will never even get into heaven unless you have faith like a little child."

- honest, trusting, pure in heart, innocent, unburdened

Jn 14 "In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places

- you will have a house or at least some type of residence
 - c. Jesus' actions

What will people "act like" in heaven? Well, what did Jesus act like?
 - d. The Miracles of Jesus

What will physically happen to us in heaven?

The blind _____, lame walk, lepers healed, mentally ill find peace and wholeness, mute speak
6. The words of Paul - 1 Cor 2:9 "No eye has seen, nor ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who _____ Him."
7. Everything that is good & meaningful in this present world will be drawn into heaven; only, it will be _____. "The reason I loved the old world was because it sometimes looked a little like this. But now that I am here, it all makes sense. This is the place that I have always loved, though I never knew it until now. This is what I was longing for all along. This is my true home"

1. sin 2. future 4. war 5a. heavenly b. last d. see 6. love 7. better