

SERMON SERIES: Heaven
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Key Line

A better grasp of Heaven will give us a better understanding of God.

Introduction

Do you ever wish things could be better than they are?

Before Scott began this sermon series, had you given Heaven much thought?

Seek the Word

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-17.

- What does Paul tell us not to do? (*Do not lose heart!*)
- What should we fix our eyes on? (*What is unseen . . . because it is eternal!*)

In the book of Revelation, the apostle John shares what God *revealed* to him about many things, including Heaven. Read his description in Revelation 21:3-5.

- Where will God dwell? (*God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.*)
- What will Heaven be like? (*No more death or mourning or crying or pain*)
- Who will wipe away every tear? (*God Himself!*)

Read Revelation 21:7-8.

- Who will inherit these things? (*He who overcomes*)
- Who will not be allowed into Heaven? (*The cowardly and the unbelieving and vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all the liars*)
- What will happen to those people? (*They will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.*)

Read John 14:2-6.

- How does Jesus describe Heaven? (*His Father's house, with a room prepared for us!*)
- What does Jesus tell us is the way to Heaven? (*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*)

Read Luke 23:42-43.

- When he was dying on the cross, how did Jesus describe heaven to the thief? (*Paradise*)

Talk About It

- Do you find it difficult to believe Jesus's words that he is the only way to inherit Heaven? How can the thought of Hell being an eternal punishment, a separation from God, motivate your testimony to others?
- How does the thought of Heaven give you hope now?
- How can we encourage each other to focus on our inheritance in Heaven rather than the momentary troubles of this life?