

# THE “WHO TOLD YOU?” SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY

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## THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### Who Told You About Heaven ? – Part 2

discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

## SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

End Times, Grace, Doctrine, Maturity, Discipleship, Hope

## Introduction and overview to the series

Heaven, Eternity, Salvation,

## Revelation 22:1-5

**:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.**

French Dramatist, Jules Renard;

“On earth there is no heaven, but there are pieces of it.”

## “Who Told You About Heaven(s) ?”

### 6.) What has God said about the heaven(s) ?

## Previously in Our Study

### What has God said about the Heavens

#### 6a.) There is the Heaven of here and now

## Genesis 1:1

In the **beginning** God **created the** heaven and **the** earth.

**The Heavens that is Here and Now;  
ought to prompt us to worship the God of Heaven and Earth.**

## **What has God said about the Heavens**

### **6b.) There is the celestial heavens**

#### **Psalm 19:1**

The **heavens** (*shaw-mah 'yim*) **declare** (*saw-far = tally, mark, check off, count*) the glory of God; and the **firmament** (*raw-kee-ah = atmosphere meets space*) **shows** (*naw-gad = reveal, expose, message, tell, rehearse*) His **handiwork**.  
(*to leave the evidence or finger prints or dna at the scene*)

**The Heavens of the Celestial Realm;  
ought to prompt us to worship the God of Heaven and Earth.**

## **“Who Told You About Heaven(s) ?” What has God said about the Heaven**

### **6c.) There is the Kingdom of Heaven**

The kingdom of heaven & the kingdom of God  
are interchangeable in the Scriptures

#### **Matthew 19:23-24**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter **the kingdom of heaven**. 24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter **the kingdom of God.**”

### **In a real technical sense**

wherever Christ is - the kingdom of God is present or the kingdom of heaven is at hand. It is the very presence of Jesus Christ that sanctifies any location where He manifests Himself.

The question is, if Jesus Christ said that the kingdom of God is within you - - if Jesus Christ dwells within us by the person of the Holy Spirit, then is not the kingdom of God which is in us, also around us as believers as we minister in His name?

## **Then Just Who are We in this World?**

## **This sounds a bit mystical, but hear me out.**

When we as believers pray for one another, or stand for righteousness, or show someone love and support in the name of Jesus – are we not by action – revealing the Kingdom of God / Heaven and His authority by Ministering / Serving / Yielding ?

### **Luke 17:20-21**

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; **21** nor will they say, “See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

**There is the coming reality of heaven,  
But our human ability is limited to being able to imagine it in full.**

### **Matthew 16:27-28**

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. **28** Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man **coming** (appear, to be present, behold, resort to) in His kingdom.”

## **Mount Hermon at 9,200 ft.**

<https://i.pinimg.com/736x/12/59/f3/1259f369a336065a15fd80c4d2841ca5--mount-hermon-israel-trip.jpg>

### **Matthew 17:1-6**

Now after six days Jesus took **Peter, James, and John** his brother, led them up on a **high mountain** (Hermon) by themselves; **2** and He was **transfigured** (the future King and Kingdom was happening in the here and now) **before them**. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. (this is His post resurrection, glorified description) **3** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. **4** Then Peter answered (who asked him?) –and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Mark 8 says Peter did not know what to say - - so he started to talk) **:5** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” **6** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

I’ve always been curious about this. My issue is not that Jesus was transfigured into this brightness. The issue for me is – how did God the Father keep His Son, in human skin, from glowing all the time?

### **2 Peter 1:16-18**

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

### **Matthew 10:1,7**

:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease, 7 And as you go, preach, saying,  
**"The kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

## **What has God said about the Heaven**

### **6d.) There is the Heaven that is forever.**

By no means should this seem odd or strange to any one of us. Unless you're insane, demon possessed or in a death-cult, you wanna live your life in peace and to the fullness.

### **Ecclesiastes 3:11b NLT**

He has planted eternity in the human heart,  
( that's why you have a desire to live forever )

**We're going to be "fitted" for heaven and because of Jesus' resurrection – death has become the means.**

### **2 Corinthians 5:1-4**

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

**It is the Heaven That Jesus Ascended to.**

**Example – Jesus in Acts 1**

**It is the Heaven That All His Children Go to.**

**Example – Stephan in Acts 7**

## It is the Heaven That Jesus Has Been Preparing for Us.

Example – Jesus in John 14

## It is the Heaven That the Martyrs Receive

Example – Paul...

### 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 how he was caught up into **Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful** (not allowed to be made public) **for a man to utter.**

Think about what man can do and achieve. Is it not amazing?  
If man can do what he has done in his messed up condition - - then what has the perfectly loving, perfectly caring, perfectly creative, perfectly perfect God of Heaven has done or will do?

### 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which **God has prepared for those who love Him.**”<sup>10</sup>  
But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

## It is the Heaven Where Our Real Father is

### John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one **comes to the Father** except through Me.

## The Apostle Paul’s experience agrees with Isaiah’s

### Isaiah 6:1-5a

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. :5a So I said: “Woe is me,

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#### **Revelation 4:1-11**

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.":2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. :6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" :9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

#### **WHAT WILL WE BE SEEING IN HEAVEN ?**

Upon your arrival, you will see "Jesus Christ Himself as He greets you"  
Acts 7: you will see the Throne of God Revelation 4&5

#### **WHAT IS HEAVEN GOING TO BE LIKE?**

It is Heaven with a city. There is light there. There is no physical limitations to what we can do.

#### **WHAT IS GOING TO BE HAPPENING THERE?**

There is praise. There is worship.

There is the ultimate fulfillment of happiness there. There is rejoicing there.  
Carefully read **Revelation 21–22** for greater details of "**Pleasures**" and "**Joy**" !!!

**Joy Joy Joy Joy Joy Joy Joy Joy Joy**

**Luke 15:6b-7a**

**:6b** "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!" **7a** I say to you that likewise there will be more **joy** in heaven over one sinner who repents

**WHERE WILL HEAVEN BE FOR ALL OF ETERNITY?**

Technically – in the presences of the LORD Himself. It will be where it has always been – in eternity. An ageless, timeless, totality of existence that cannot end because there is no element of time.

**But There Still is The Christians Greatest Fear  
How can I be happy in Heaven if someone I loved deeply on  
earth doesn't make it to Heaven?**

The answer is both simple and terrifying. I am happy to tell you that you will never miss them in heaven nor will you be saddened because they are not with you there – because they we're never born "again" into you family. It is as if they had never been born at all. You will not miss them, you will think of them, you will not be sorry for them – you will absolutely have no memory of them whatsoever. They will be dragged away from among the living.

**Revelation 22:4 & Isaiah 65:17**

**:4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away, **:17** For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered nor come to mind."

**Isaiah 66:1**

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne.  
( but is your heart and mind His throne )

Will the experience of the Prophets and the Apostles  
Be yours in your dying moment ?

Today – If you're not a follower of Jesus Christ;  
Time is running out for you

Time is running out for you

2:44 – 3:05

"It must be an awful sight to see the church leaving – Poor things!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lj2b6Jvl2Fs>

Time is running out for you

Just a one minute too late

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyDn2nmyj7U>

**The Reason for the Cross / The Work of the Christ /  
The Need to make the Call.**

*End of Study*

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