

Lesson 11: Heaven

Basic Christian Teaching

Introduction

We Christians realize that the most important parts of our lives are those that make an impact for eternity. The study of God and his relations to, purposes for, and work within the created universe- Matters! Welcome to our Link Group where we focus on biblical small groups grounded in the teachings of the bible. Our goal is to ground biblical believers and to develop disciples that make disciplines!

"We are nearer heaven tonight than we have ever been before in our lives."

Story: A man kept shouting Amen during the sermon. Though offered boots to stay quiet, he could not contain himself and praised God.

Main Content

I. THE ORIGIN OF HEAVEN

Heaven was created by God in the beginning (Genesis 1:1).

It is eternal and prepared for God's people (2 Corinthians 5:1; John 14:2).

II. WHAT IS HEAVEN?

Heaven is the home of God (Matthew 6:9).

The third heaven is God's dwelling place (2 Corinthians 12:2).

Heaven is a building made by God, not by man (2 Corinthians 5:1).

Heaven is called a garner, the kingdom, the Father's house, rest, and paradise.

III. SIZE OF HEAVEN

Heaven is immeasurable (Jeremiah 31:37).

The New Jerusalem is described in Revelation 21.

Heaven is for those who are holy and prepared.

IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF HEAVEN

A high place – Isaiah 57:15.

A holy place – Psalm 20:6.

A happy place – Revelation 7:17.

No death or sorrow – Revelation 21:4.

No darkness – Revelation 22:3-5.

No hunger or thirst – Revelation 7:16.

V. INHABITANTS OF HEAVEN

Negative: The devil and sinners will not enter (Revelation 20:10; 21:8).

Positive: God, Jesus, angels, and believers are there.

VI. HEAVEN IS A PERFECT PLACE

Perfect satisfaction – Revelation 22:1-2.

Perfect provision – Revelation 22:2.

Perfect sinlessness – Revelation 22:3.

Perfect government – Revelation 22:3.

Perfect service – Revelation 22:3.

Perfect communion – Revelation 22:4.

Perfect possession – Revelation 22:4.

Perfect glory – Revelation 22:5.

Conclusion

Heaven is for prepared people. An unbeliever would find it uncomfortable because of its holiness.

Story: The clown gave the dying king a walking stick for making no preparation for heaven.

Link Questions

1. What did you learn about heaven that helped your Christian journey?

2. Are you excited about heaven or unsure?