The Magnificence of Heaven

Are you absolutely certain where you will go when you die? What will the place where you will live throughout eternity be like?

Heaven is much more magnificent than you can possibly comprehend.

No one has ever seen or heard anything that can even remotely compare with the glory, beauty and magnificence of heaven. Our limited human vocabulary does not contain words that can even begin to describe the glory of heaven. Think of the most beautiful sites you have ever seen. The beauty of heaven far exceeds it. God himself has prepared heaven for you. Heaven is the epitome of your father's love for you. You will be in awe throughout eternity of the wonderful place your father has created for you.

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Everything in heaven is pure, wholesome, positive and uplifting.

Nothing in heaven is evil or negative in anyway. The influence of Satan that has been so predominant in the world over the years will be completely absent in heaven. The presence of Jesus Christ brings purity and peace. Everyone and everything in heaven is perfectly clean, pure, positive and uplifting. Anything that was negative in any way during your life on earth will not go with you to heaven. After living in this increasingly evil world, you will be overwhelmed at the absolute purity that pervades heaven.

"There shall no longer exist there anything that is accursed (detestable, foul, offensive, impure, hateful, or horrible)..." (*Revelation 22:3 AMP*)

Every person in heaven is completely selfless, kind and loving.

You will enjoy rich fellowship with the other inhabitants of heaven. No one in heaven is proud or self-centered. All of the misery caused by self-centeredness on earth will have disappeared. No one in heaven is lonely. You will enjoy a glorious reunion with all of your Christian loved ones and friends who preceded you to heaven. You will never be separated again. You cannot even begin to comprehend the glorious relationships that you will enjoy with other believers in heaven. All of the earthly imperfections that any of us have will be instantly cleansed when we arrive in heaven. The Bible explains this wonderful atmosphere when it speaks of the:

"...spirits of just men made perfect" (Hebrews 12:23 KJV)

You are a citizen of heaven. You will live there throughout eternity.

Every Christian is a citizen of heaven. Your home on earth is only temporary. When you arrive in heaven, you will have arrived at your <u>real home</u>. You will come home to a beautiful eternal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. You should eagerly look forward to living in the glory of heaven for all eternity. You will be living in a beautiful place with wonderful people. Jesus Christ will be there with you at all times. Everything in heaven is absolutely perfect.

"We are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven" (Philippians 3:28 AMP)

Jesus Christ has personally prepared your heavenly home for you

Heaven is filled with beautiful homes. Your home will be more magnificent than you can possibly comprehend.

Jesus has personally supervised the construction of the home where you will live throughout eternity. You can be assured that your heavenly home will be wonderful. No home on earth can even begin to compare with the home that Jesus has prepared for you in heaven. The following words that Jesus spoke to his disciples apply to you and your heavenly home.

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2 KJV)

You will receive a glorious new body that is completely healthy.

Your earthly body is only temporary. The Bible refers to this body as a "tent." A tent is a temporary dwelling place. Your present body was designed for life on earth which is a temporary dwelling place. Your earthly body will be destroyed when you die. God has a permanent body for you in heaven. Any sickness that was in your body on earth will not go with you to heaven. Everyone in heaven will receive a body that is completely healthy. Your heavenly body will be like the resurrected body of Jesus Christ (*see Philippians 3:20–21*)

"...we know that if the earthly tent that we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, and the eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be closed with our heavenly dwelling" (2^{nd} Corinthians 5:1–2 NIV)

There will not be any death, sorrow, tears or pain in heaven

The following verse of Scripture promises that God will "wipe away all tears." There is nothing in heaven to cry about. Death will have disappeared completely. None of the burdens of your life on earth will go with you to heaven. There will be no pain of any kind. Your life in heaven will be problem free. You will never anguish or grive over anything. Satan and his demons and the darkness that pervades the world will not be in heaven. Your happiest day on earth cannot begin to compare with the magnificent joy you will experience throughout eternity in heaven.

"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (*Revelation 21:4 KJV*)

You will never struggle again. You will enjoy magnificent eternal rest.

When you go on vacation, you look forward to a quiet rest. When you are in heaven, you will enjoy a rest that is completely incomprehensible to the limitations of your understanding. Everyone in heaven will enjoy a supernaturally restful and relaxed life throughout eternity. Any struggles that you endured on earth will be completely behind you. Jesus has provided you with an eternal rest from the cares of the world. Everyone in heaven is filled with supernatural peace and joy at all times.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them" (*Revelation 14:13 KJV*)

All of the questions you have ever had will be answered in heaven

Every unanswered question that you had on earth will be answered in heaven. You will know and understand everything. Nothing will be withheld from you. You will have the same insight and knowledge that God has. Everyone in heaven lives in the awesome presence of God. When you are in God's presence, you will instantly understand everything that was a puzzle to you when you were on earth. The questions that you thought you would ask God will be answered immediately. You won't even have to ask them.

"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror, then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (1st Corinthians 13:12 NIV)

You will join all inhabitants of heaven in continual praise to God.

Your heart will overflow with gratitude when you experience the awesome glory of living in heaven. You will thank the Lord and praise him continually. You will not be able to repress the continual outpouring of praise and thanksgiving that will flow out of your grateful heart. Everyone in heaven is so exhilarated that they praise the Lord continually. The apostle John was supernaturally taken to heaven. Among the things that John described was the mighty and powerful worship he heard. You cannot begin to comprehend the magnitude of praise welling up from millions of people that will be so loud that it will sound like thunder.

"...a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (*Revelation 19:5–6 KJV*)

God will illuminate heaven with glorious and radiant light

There is no darkness in heaven. Night does not exist. There are no cloudy or stormy days. There is no need for the sun or the moon. The glory of God will illuminate heaven at all times. Heaven glows from the radiance of God's glory. You will be continually aware of this luminous light from the moment you arrive in heaven. No matter where you live on earth or how wonderful your life may be, you can be absolutely certain that your best days are ahead of you.

"There will be no more night. There will not need the light of the lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light" (*Revelation 22:5 KJV*)

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