



(Re)Imagine Heaven

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OPENER

Across cultures and throughout history, people have believed that death is not the end and that life continues beyond the grave. Yet even though many believe in eternity, our understanding of heaven is often shaped more by culture, media, or imagination than by Scripture.

This message invites us to move beyond vague or secondhand ideas and instead **reimagine heaven through the lens of God's Word**. By looking at a real scene in heaven from Revelation, we begin to see not just *that* heaven exists, but what it could be like right now.

READ

Revelation 6:9–11

MAIN POINTS

1. Present Heaven Is Temporary

The current heaven (often called the “intermediate state”) is real and joyful, but not the final destination. Believers who die are with Christ now but are awaiting the future fulfillment when heaven and earth are fully united.

2. Heaven Is a Real Place

Heaven is not just a feeling or abstract idea, it is an actual place. Jesus described it as a prepared place where believers go after death. For Christians, death is not the end, Death is **relocation** from earth to heaven.

3. We Maintain Our Identity in Heaven

The martyrs in Revelation are recognized by their story and experience. This shows that we do not lose who we are, our identity is preserved and perfected.

We will be fully ourselves, but without sin, brokenness, or pain.

4. We Will Know Each Other in Heaven

Relationships continue in heaven. Just as the disciples recognized Moses and Elijah, we will recognize others and be fully known. Heaven is not isolated, it is deeply relational.

5. We Are Fully Conscious in Heaven

Those in heaven are aware, thinking, speaking, and feeling. They are not asleep or unconscious, but actively engaged in God's presence.

6. Heaven Is Connected to What Happens on Earth

Scripture suggests that those in heaven are aware, at least in part, of what is happening on earth. They rejoice, observe, and care about God's unfolding plan.

7. We Have Some Form of Embodied Existence

While we await full resurrection bodies, those in present heaven appear to have some kind of form or presence. They are not merely disembodied spirits.

8. The Greatest Reality of Heaven Is God Himself

Above all else, heaven is about being with God. The central joy of heaven is not what we receive but **who we are with**. The presence of Jesus is what makes heaven, heaven.

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- When you think about heaven, what images or ideas have shaped your understanding most?
- Which truth about present heaven surprised you or challenged your assumptions?
- How does knowing that heaven is a real place (not just an idea) change a person's perspective on death?
- What does it mean to you that you will maintain your identity but be fully perfected in heaven?
- How does the idea of recognizing and being known by others in heaven encourage you?
- The sermon emphasized that heaven is ultimately about being with God. How does that reshape what you are most looking forward to about eternity?
- How does a clearer understanding of heaven impact the way you live your life today?

BOTTOM LINE

Heaven is not just a distant hope. It is a real place where we will be fully alive, fully known, and fully with God, which is the greatest joy of eternity.