BIBLE TOPICS · NEW TESTAMENT

Heaven and Hell

In My Father's House Are Many Mansions · John 14:2

At death	Heaven	Hell	The way
Judgment follows	With the Lord for ever	Everlasting punishment	Faith in Jesus Christ

HEBREWS 9:27

What Happens When We Die

Heaven and hell begin the moment a person dies. The soul does not sleep or wander, and there is no second chance.

1

Once to Die

Every person faces death and judgment.

"it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"

HEBREWS 9:27

2

With the Lord

The believer goes straight to Him.

"absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8

3

Far Better

Paul longed to go.

"having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better"

PHILIPPIANS 1:23

4

To Day in Paradise

The dying thief was promised.

"To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise."

LUKE 23:43

5

In Torment

The rich man was awake and suffering.

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments"

LUKE 16:23

6

A Great Gulf Fixed

No crossing over after death.

"between us and you there is a great gulf fixed"

LUKE 16:26

KEY VERSE

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

Matthew 25:46 (KJV)

The Heaven and Hell Timeline

FROM DEATH TO ETERNITY

Heaven and Hell

Two destinies, both eternal

The coming events in order · King James Version

At Death

1 The Believer: With the Lord

Absent from the body, present with the Lord. To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8; LUKE 23:43

2 The Unbeliever: In Torment

In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments. A great gulf is fixed.

LUKE 16:22–26

The Coming Events

Premillennial, pre-tribulation order

3 The Rapture

The dead in Christ rise; living believers are caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16–17

4 The Judgment Seat of Christ

Believers' works tested and rewarded in heaven. Not a judgment for sin.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

5 The Great Tribulation

Seven years of judgment on the earth, such as was not since the beginning.

MATTHEW 24:21; DANIEL 9:27

6 Christ Returns in Glory

Heaven opens; the King of kings comes with His saints.

REVELATION 19:11–16

7 The Thousand Years

Satan bound; Christ reigns on the earth with His saints.

REVELATION 20:1–6

8 The Great White Throne

The lost dead judged according to their works.

REVELATION 20:11–13

For Ever

9 A New Heaven and a New Earth

God dwells with His people in the new Jerusalem. No more death, sorrow or pain.

REVELATION 21:1–4

10 The Lake of Fire

Everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. The second death.

REVELATION 20:14–15; MATTHEW 25:41

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MATTHEW 25:46 (KJV)

What Heaven Is Like

REVELATION 21–22

What Heaven Is Like

The Bible does not tell us everything about heaven, but what it tells us is wonderful.

GOD IS THERE

He Dwells with Us

The greatest joy of heaven.

"and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people"

REVELATION 21:3

WE SEE HIM

Face to Face

Believers will see the Lord.

"And they shall see His face"

REVELATION 22:4

NO MORE TEARS

Every Tear Wiped Away

No death, sorrow, crying or pain.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes"

REVELATION 21:4

A PLACE

Many Mansions

A real home, prepared by Jesus.

"In My Father's house are many mansions"

JOHN 14:2

THE CITY

Streets of Gold

Gates of pearl, walls of jasper.

"and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

REVELATION 21:21

LIGHT

No Need of the Sun

The Lamb is its light.

"for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

REVELATION 21:23

LIFE

The River and the Tree

Eden restored and more.

"a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal"

REVELATION 22:1

JOY

Pleasures For Evermore

Fullness of joy in His presence.

"in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

PSALM 16:11

BEYOND WORDS

Not Yet Seen

Better than we can imagine.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man"

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

What the Bible Says About Hell

THE WORDS OF JESUS

What the Bible Says About Hell

The Bible speaks of heaven and hell with the same seriousness. Most of what we know about hell comes from Jesus Himself.

1

A Real Place

Not a figure of speech.

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments"

LUKE 16:23

2

Everlasting

It never ends.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment"

MATTHEW 25:46

3

Prepared for the Devil

God did not make it for man.

"into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels"

MATTHEW 25:41

4

Away from God

Shut out from His presence.

"everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord"

2 THESSALONIANS 1:9

5

Outer Darkness

Weeping and grief.

"there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

MATTHEW 8:12

6

No Rest

Day nor night.

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever"

REVELATION 14:11

> *"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live"*
>
> Ezekiel 33:11 (KJV)

How to Know You Will Go to Heaven and Key Themes

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

How to Know You Will Go to Heaven

Heaven and hell are not decided by good works or by chance. God tells us plainly how to be sure of eternal life.

1

All Have Sinned

No one is good enough for heaven.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"

ROMANS 3:23

2

Sin Earns Death

But God offers a gift.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life"

ROMANS 6:23

3

God So Loved

Jesus died in our place.

"that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

JOHN 3:16

4

Passed from Death to Life

Already, now.

"hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation"

JOHN 5:24

5

Ye May Know

Assurance is God's will for you.

"that ye may know that ye have eternal life"

1 JOHN 5:13

6

Now Is the Time

Do not wait.

"behold, now is the day of salvation."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

KEY THEMES

Six Truths About Heaven and Hell

What the Bible teaches about heaven and hell can be gathered in six plain truths.

1

Everyone Lives For Ever

Some to life, some to shame.

"some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

DANIEL 12:2

2

Judgment Is Certain

Death is followed by judgment.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"

HEBREWS 9:27

3

Heaven Is Prepared

Jesus Himself is making it ready.

"I go to prepare a place for you."

JOHN 14:2

4

Hell Is Real

Jesus warned about it plainly.

"fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

MATTHEW 10:28

5

God Is Not Willing

He wants all to be saved.

"not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

2 PETER 3:9

6

Jesus Is the Way

Eternal life is His gift.

"but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

ROMANS 6:23