

Heaven: Home of the Faithful

For eight years I traveled overseas, involved in preacher training. It was exciting work and I saw many fascinating places. On these trips I was often away for three or four weeks and I had to learn to “do without” various things I had taken for granted at home. This included my family, some of my favorite foods, watching sports on TV (does Cricket qualify as a sport?), the comforts of my own bed and even something as basic as hot water. As much as I enjoyed these trips, there was nothing like arriving at DFW airport to meet my family and begin the trip back to Cleburne and “home.”

The Bible portrays heaven in such comforting terms. We are only on this earth for a brief time. It is not portrayed as our home as our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20). As comforting as it is to return home after an extended trip, nothing will compare to our “going home” to be with God, Christ and the faithful of all ages. May we realize that we are merely sojourners here, headed for an appointment in eternity. Heaven is a place that is prepared for the faithful (Jno. 14:1-2). Are we prepared to make that journey?

Sermon Outline: Heaven: What Is It Like?

I. Heaven is a real place. The term “heaven” generally refers to three realms.

- A. Our atmosphere
- B. Space
- C. The dwelling place of God

II. What will heaven be like?

- A. A place of everlasting life
- B. A place of blissful reunion
- C. A place of total security
- D. A place of indescribable beauty

III. I want to go to heaven because...

- A. it is a place of comfort.
- B. it is a place where God is.
- C. it is a prepared place
- D. it is a place too great for words.
- E. it is a place of rest.

