

Heaven

Heavenly Bodies & Rewards

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Message Truth:

There is much for a Christian to look forward to in Heaven. In Heaven I will finally live in a place that is curse-free. In Heaven I will hear my new name, which is known only to me and my Lord. In Heaven I will see the place Jesus has prepared for me. In Heaven I will have the knowledge I have desired revealed. In Heaven I will see the perfect fulfillment of my faith. In Heaven I will finally occupy a body that has not been cursed. In Heaven my flesh will finally be my ally and not my enemy. In Heaven I will receive rewards which I will in turn be able to cast at Jesus' feet. In Heaven I will have perfect fellowship with God and others.

Message Text:

⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ **it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.** ⁴⁵ So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹ **Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.**

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 1 Corinthians 15:42-50 (NASB)

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, 2 Corinthians 5:1-2 (NASB)

1. In Heaven we will have new bodies.

● How This Works!

The Implications:

● In Heaven we will have a new heart, a new mind, new emotions, new desires.

¹⁷ "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. Isaiah 65:17

● In Heaven we will have a new name.

¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a **new name** written on the stone that **no one knows except the one who receives it.** Revelation 2:17 (ESV)

2. In Heaven, r_____ is great.

²³ "Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, **your reward is great in heaven.** For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets. Luke 6:23 (NASB)

● In Heaven we will receive an i_____.

⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 1 Peter 1:4 (NASB)

● **In Heaven we c_____ our rewards before Jesus' feet.**

¹⁰ *the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

Revelation 4:10 (NASB)

● **In Heaven we will receive the i_____ crown.**

²⁵ *Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.* 1 Corinthians 9:25 (NASB)

● **In Heaven we will receive the crown of r_____.**

⁸ *in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.* 2 Timothy 4:8 (NASB)

● **In Heaven we will receive the crown of l_____.**

¹² *Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

James 1:12 (NASB)

● **In Heaven we will receive the crown of g_____.**

⁴ *And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.* 1 Peter 5:4 (NASB)

● **In Heaven we will receive rewards for spiritual s_____.**

○ **In Heaven, soul w_____ will be rewarded.**

³ *Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

Daniel 12:3 (NASB)

○ **In Heaven, humble s_____ will be rewarded.**

⁴² *And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say*

to you, he shall not lose his reward." Matthew 10:42 (NASB)

○ **In Heaven, faithful s_____ will be rewarded.**

²³ *"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

Matthew 25:23 (NASB)

○ **In Heaven, doing g_____ will be rewarded.**

³⁵ *"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.*

Luke 6:35 (NASB)

⁸ *knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.*

Ephesians 6:8 (NASB)

○ **In Heaven, rewards will be given for s_____ endured.**

¹¹ *"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Matthew 5:11–12 (NASB)

3. In Heaven there is a register of the r_____.

⁸ *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.*

Revelation 13:8 (NASB)

4. In Heaven we will have perfect f_____.

²⁶ *From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.*

Acts 17:26