

"... Heaven: The Believers' Eternal Home!"

(John 14:1-6; Revelation 21-22)

I. Introduction:

- A. The **advent** of Jesus Christ
- B. The **adoration** of men and angles
- C. The **amalgamation** of earth and heaven

II. Exposition: Heaven: The Believers' Eternal Home

- A. The **definitions** and usage of heaven (John 14:1-6)
 - 1. The first heaven: The atmosphere (Isaiah 55:10)
 - 2. The second heaven: Outer space (Gen. 1:14-17)
 - 3. The third heaven: Dwelling place of God (2 Cor. 12:1-4)
 - Wayne Grudem: "Heaven is the place where God most fully makes known His presence to bless."
 - Working definition: The abode of God
- B. The **debates** regarding heaven:
 - 1. Is it a place or a state of mind?
 - John 14:2-3
 - Acts 1
 - 2. Where is it located?
 - Ephesians 4:10
 - 3. Will we recognize others there?
 - Matthew 18:11
- C. The **distortions** regarding heaven:
 - 1. Sitting on clouds plucking golden harps
 - 2. Bland and boring

- 3. Eternal singing with dull music
- 4. When we die, we become angels

D. The **details of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22)**

- 1. The **descent** of the New Jerusalem (21:1-8)
 - The things included (vv. 1-7)
 - The things excluded (v. 8)
- 2. The **description** of the New Jerusalem (21:9-27)
 - The city
 - The citizens
- 3. The **delights** of the New Jerusalem (22:1-5)
 - The river
 - The throne
 - The Lord

III. Conclusion:

- "O what a foretaste of glory divine" (Deut. 1:25)
- Two Testimonies of heaven
- Worship the God enthroned heaven!

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

- 1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
- 2. What things were clarified for you in the message regarding heaven? What questions did the message raise about heaven?
- 3. How can you combat some of the distortions that people have regarding heaven? Do you have any that need to be corrected?
- 4. What are some of the things that most impacted you from the details regarding the New Jerusalem?
- 5. Why is intimacy and communion with God the most important thing regarding heaven?
- 6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
- 7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)