

Glory of Heaven - Part 4

Introduction

This week Chance continues a new series titled: "Glory of Heaven" with Week 4 - Focus of Heaven and our role. In this series we will be looking at what Scripture says about Heaven. Heaven is a very real place, and everyone is wired to want Heaven & wants to get there, but what is it?

Have you wrestled with what eternity is going to be like? Do you wonder what you will be doing? This week we are looking at the Focus of Heaven & what our roles might be. What will the experience of Heaven be like?

Questions

- 1. Why is it important to know that Jesus is the Focus of Heaven? Do you agree that He is Heaven's true treasure? Do you love Him or just His gifts? If everything else was taken away, would you still love Him? **Daniel 7:13-14**
- 2. What did Jesus claim about Himself that clarifies His divinity & the power He has in Heaven? Why was His reply to the High Priest so powerful? How did His reply define His holiness and confirm who He was, who He is & who He always will be? Mark 14:60-62
- 3. Can you envision standing before the judgment seat of God knowing that you have looked down on and condemned someone else as if you were the standard instead of Jesus? How can this truth impact your daily life? **Romans 14:10-11**
- 4. Is it frightening for you to think about giving a personal account before God of how you did with what He has provided you? Are you striving to live in such a way that you will not make others stumble, but will instead strengthen their faith?

Romans 14:12-13

- 5. As you think about Heaven, and longing to be there, do you realize that you will be judged by how you lived your life? Do you live like what you do here on the earth matters for eternity, that you will be rewarded/repaid according to your deeds? Does your life bring honor to God, is your life pleasing to Him? 2 Corinthians 5:8-10; Revelation 22:12
- 6. How are you dealing with 'your present troubles'? Is it encouraging that they won't last very long? Do you know that what you do for the Lord will outweigh those troubles and will last forever? Can you fix your eyes on things unseen, and focus on the complete fulfillment to come in eternity? **2 Corinthians 4:17-18**
- 7. Why is it important for you to remember that your role here is to steward (govern) things that don't really belong to you? How are you doing with taking care of and guarding/keeping all that God has provided? **Genesis 1:28**; **Genesis 2:15**; **Genesis 1:31**

Key Takeaway

The focus of Heaven is on God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will all have roles in Heaven that are in service to Christ. Until then, what you do in this life matters. You will stand before the throne and give an account of your life and will be rewarded/repaid for how you lived & took care of all that God has provided for you to steward. Heaven will be total & complete fulfillment.

Summary

- Focus on Him by honor/worship
 - Due to His position & what He has done for us
 - Jesus is I AM seated at God's right hand
- Give an account of how we lived
 - We all will stand before the judgment seat
 - Each of us will have to give a personal account to God
 - We will receive what we deserve, what you do here matters
- Serve Him & find complete fulfillment in Him
 - Struggles we face do not begin to compare to the fulfillment we will have in eternity
- Our role = Govern/steward, take care of, guard & keep