



Glory of Heaven – Part 3

Introduction:

This week Chance continues a new series titled: "**Glory of Heaven**" with **Week 3 - Time of Heaven**. 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?

Do you care about time? Are you someone who is punctual, where 10 minutes early is late, or someone who shows up when they show up? This week we are looking at the Time of Heaven, what does time mean to God? What can we learn from the Bible about time from God's perspective?

Questions:

1. Is it hard to comprehend or understand that God operates outside of time? Do you know that before there was a "beginning ", before there was anything there was God? What was it like before there was time? **Genesis 1:1; Revelation 8:1**
2. How are you using your time? Do you know people who scoff at the idea that Jesus is coming again? That even though the 'last days' include all the time since the 1st coming of Jesus until His 2nd coming, we have limited time to make an impact on people? **2 Peter 3:3-4**
3. Why is it important that God has continued to interact with creation since the beginning of time, and that He is still over it all? How does this provide a warning that a day of judgment & destruction is coming for the 'ungodly'? Do you know that He cares about what you are doing with your time? **2 Peter 3:5-7**

4. Is it important that God's perspective of time is very different than yours, that a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day? What if He is not slow in keeping His promise for Jesus to return, but is being patient and waiting to give as much time as possible for people to be saved? Why is that a key for how you should use your time? **2 Peter 3:8-10**
5. How are you spending your time on this side of eternity? What do you think about when you consider Eternity? Is it strange to think of Eternity not as time (minutes, hours, days or years) but of just being in God's Presence forever? **Revelation 22:5**
6. No matter how much time you have, what would it mean for you to make the most of that time by utilizing it to the fullest? How are you at being intentional and present in the moments when you are with people? How can you make the most of the time you have by utilizing it by serving?
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7. Are you valuing the time you have? How would your attitude about time change if you focused on what lasts forever? How can your relationship with Christ shape the time you have to maximize the impact of your life?

Key Takeaway:

God is not bound by time, He was before there was time and He will be after there is no more time. God is over time, and in control of time. We have a limited amount of time on the earth. Your relationship with Jesus should influence how you use the time you have, as you focus more on forever.

Summary:

- God operates outside of our understanding of time
- We have limited time to make an impact on people
- God interacts with creation throughout time
- God is not moving slowly, He's patiently waiting
- Eternity is about presence not minutes/days/years
- Value the time that you have by utilizing in serving others
- Focus on what lasts forever, your relationship with Christ