

*Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. Hebrews 11:16*

## Destination Heaven

Johnny Ramsey

Not only is heaven a prepared place for prepared people, but also it will be too sweet to miss. How deeply tragic it would be to be absent when the golden street of that celestial city opens wide to receive its own. We dare not miss the eternal joy of that land beyond the river of death where the redeemed of all ages will gather for the grandest fellowship ever known. H.L. Gilmore wrote these wondrous words of hope: How precious the thought That we all may recline, Like John the beloved and blest, Where no tempest can harm, Secure in the haven of rest!

We have the ability to hope to the end for the joys yet to be revealed (**1Peter 1:13**) as we look for the glorious appearing of the Lord (**Titus 2:13**). Because our citizenship is in heaven, we have genuine hope as an anchor for the soul as we look for a better country (**Hebrews 11:16**). Christians comfort one another with the eager anticipation of being received into glory after the toils of this life come to an end (**Psalms 73:24**). We know because **Job 3:17** tells us there is a place where *"the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest."* We surely plan to go there. But love of worldly things will cause millions to miss heaven. An unknown poet clearly reminds us about the tenacity of materialism:

You have time to resort to mountain and glen;  
And time to gain knowledge from books and men,  
Yet not time to search for the wisdom of God  
But what of your soul when you are under the sod?  
Then, what of the Judgment? -- Please think, I employ!  
For time will be lost on eternity's shore.

We need to make a definite reservation for heaven lest our names fail to be enrolled there with *"the spirits of just*

### Store In My Heart

#### Matthew 25:46

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

All of life boils down to this. No matter who I may be as I walk through this world one of these two fates awaits me. Yet how I live while here on Earth will determine which fate is mine. I can decide to receive life for all eternity by giving myself to the service of God while I live here on Earth. If I refuse to give myself to God, either by active choice or just not choosing, I have confined my eternity to a place of torment and punishment. Not acknowledging that I must make a choice is just as damning as actively refusing to serve God.

Eternity is real. I get to determine where I spend that forever time that comes after I pass from this life. Eternal punishment or eternal life, its up to me!



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## For Our Information

Joyce Venable has not been feeling well the last few days. Bill Venable has also been under the weather.

Jimmy, Annette & Adene Gray are in quarantine due to some possible family exposure to covid.

Clifton Hurst is still in ICU. Supplemental oxygen is at 50% and meds are regularly adjusted for issues. Gloria Hurst is better, and concerned for Clifton.

Judges 18 tonight.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

*men made perfect" (Hebrews 12:23).* Such a tremendous goal -- eternal bliss -- demands that we abstain from evil, actively pursue righteousness, and grow daily in the traits of spiritual maturity that result in an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of heaven (**2Peter 1:11**).

When we come to the crossroads of life that will determine our destiny, we must choose with courage the challenging road of Christianity rather than the glitter and gold of selfishness and compromise (**Matthew 7:13-14**). Suffering for the cause of the Lord means we will reign with Him forever (**2Timothy 2:12**). Steadfast loyalty shall be rewarded abundantly (**1Corinthians 15:58**), but cowardice will lead to a realm wherein many are banished from God's presence (**John 8:21-24**). For people who are forever lost, it would have been better for them never to have been born (**Mark 14:21**).

Therefore, we need to take heed lest we neglect so great salvation and have to pay the sad dividend of a tragic blunder, called by the writer of Hebrews, a turning back into perdition (**Hebrews 3:12; 10:38-39**). What are some of the major reasons that many people will miss heaven?:

1) The power of Satan (**2Corinthians 2:11**). 2) The separation of sin (**Jeremiah 3:25; Isaiah 59:1-2**). 3) Shallow excuses (**Luke 8:14; 14:18**). 4) Ungodly parents (**Proverbs 14:11**). 5) External religion (**Ezekiel 33:31**). 6) Delay (**Hosea 10:12**). 7) Dying outside of Christ (**Revelation 14:13**).

We can overwhelm all of these ploys of the devil through the blood of Christ, the Word of God, and a life of surrender to the Savior (**Revelation 12:11**). Heaven will be too grand to miss. Do not dare make the mistake of living in error and dying in sin lest the majestic sweetness of glory pass you by.

A lack of love for the truth (**2Thessalonians 2:10-12**) keeps millions still in the bondage of iniquity and, therefore, unprepared to meet the Judge of all the earth (**Jude 6**). One of the saddest points to contemplate concerning the vast number of souls who will be lost in the final day is the empty lives they manifested while upon Earth. May we live and love and serve in the Master's Will so that heaven can be our eternal abiding place because we chose to live for Christ in the here and now. By the matchless grace and mercy of God we dare not miss heaven. Then in the words of "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," we can: "Sing the song of Moses And the Lamb by and by, And dwell with Jesus evermore."

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

