

Text for YouTeach: Heaven

1. Slide
 - a. Have you ever wondered what Heaven is going to be like? I mean we all want to get there, but it we don't really know what it is going to be like being there. That is the purpose of this talk. We are going to try to find out what it will be like in Heaven.
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 - a. See if you can fill in the rest of this verse. For me to live is Christ to die is _____.
 - b. Gain! Right. For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.
 - c. But in reality, most people don't believe that this is true. Here's what they really believe.
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 - a. For me to live is Christ, to die is second best—but at least you're not going to Hell, look on the bright side of things!
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 - a. How do we know this? Go to the average adult Sunday school class or the average church service and listen to the prayer requests.
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 - a. What are they?
 - b. The majority of them are for health issues.
 - i. "So and so got cancer."
 - ii. "So and so is in the hospital."
 - iii. "So and so broke his arm."
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 - a. What are they non-verbally communicating?
 - i. I don't want to die!
 - b. Why don't they want to die?
7. Slide
 - a. Because if I die, I go to Heaven, I'll be in a 24 hour worship service. And there I'll be sitting on a cloud in spirit form—I don't know—playing a harp or something.
 - b. GAG me with a spoon!
 - c. I've got Amazon Prime here. I can get anything I want within 2 days, in fact, 2 hours with Amazon Now. I love surfing the net for things to buy. Why would I want to go to Heaven?
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 - a. And without realizing it, what we've communicated is that Hell is down here, Earth is up here, and Heaven is a step down.
 - b. That's why people cling to this earth and keep praying, "I don't want to die!"
9. Slide
 - a. Without realizing, we make assumptions about Heaven that are wrong. That is what we are going to be looking at today.
 - b. I'm going to be going over two.
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 - a. The first is that, without realizing it, we believe that Heaven is boring.

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- i. If we believe that Heaven is boring, it means we believe that God is boring.
- ii. With God, boredom is impossible.
- iii. We'll never begin to exhaust God's sense of humor and His love for adventure.
- iv. The God who created us to do good works (Ephesians 2:10) will not cancel this purpose when He resurrects us to inhabit the new universe.

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- a. A second assumption that we make is that Heaven is Unearthly. In other words, it is nothing like this earth.
 - i. Heaven (where God dwells) was always designed to be on earth. God was in the Garden of Eden.
 - ii. Heaven has a "tree of life." (Rev 22:2) A tree is a physical plant on a physical earth.
 - iii. Most Christians cannot believe that Heaven will be on earth because they can only see the present earth, which is under a temporary sin and curse.
 - iv. Once that curse is taken away, Heaven will be unbelievably awesome!

12. Slide

- a. Why do we have this problem?

13. Slide

- a. I believe the answer is found in Revelation 13:6.
 - i. Read the verse on the screen.
- b. His "Dwelling place" is Heaven.
- c. Satan wants us to think poorly of Heaven. That is one of his goals.

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- a. If Heaven can be seen as boring, unimaginable, and an unearthly existence,

15. Slide

- a. Why would we share the good news that people can spend an eternity in a boring ghostly place that even we're not looking forward to?!

16. Slide

- a. Let's look at 1 Corinthians 2:9 (Read the Slide)
- b. You might want to say, "See, right there! It says we can't even conceive what it will be like. It is unimaginable."

17. Slide

- a. But make sure you read the next verse. (Read the text)
 - i. Look, God **has** revealed things to us by His Spirit!

18. Slide

- a. It's not that we don't know enough about Heaven, it's about the fact that we haven't studied what we have.

19. Slide

- a. In Colossians 3:1 we read these words: (Read the text.)
- b. Those words, "set your hearts" in the original Greek mean

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- i. A diligent, active, single-minded investigation.
 - c. And notice that this is a command. This is something we are supposed to do.
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 - a. So what has God revealed?
 - b. Well, one of the first things He has revealed is that the present Heaven is not the permanent Heaven.
 - i. The Heaven your grandparents or great grandparents are in is not the permanent Heaven.
- 21. Slide
 - a. In Revelation 21:1 we read these words: (Read the text)
 - b. There is going to be a new Heaven and a New Earth created.
- 22. Slide
 - a. We learn in 2 Peter 3:10 that this present earth is going to be burned up with fire.
 - b. (Read the text)
- 23. Slide
 - a. What else has God revealed?
- 24. Slide
 - a. In Luke 16:19-31 we learn the following:
 - i. (Read the points on the screen. Elaborate where you wish.)
- 25. Slide
 - a. What else has God revealed?
- 26. Slide
 - a. In Revelation 6:9-11, we learn these things:
 - i. (Read the points on the screen. Elaborate where you wish.)
- 27. Slide
 - a. (Continue reading the slide.)
- 28. Slide
 - a. What else has God revealed?
- 29. Slide
 - a. Look at Hebrews 10:11.
 - i. (Read the text.)
 - b. This is referring to Moses. He chose not to live as a child of the Pharaoh but rather he looked forward to a city—which is referencing Heaven. He chose the goal of living in Heaven over living on this earth.
- 30. Slide
 - a. But note that an analogy was made. The analogy is that Heaven is like a city. Why would the author of Hebrews do that?
 - i. (At this point you can either wait for your audience to answer or give the answer yourself.)
 - b. It is because Heaven will be like a city!
 - c. Name some things you find in cities.
 - i. (Wait for you audience to respond. Affirm their answers if they are correct.)

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31. Slide
- a. Yes! Cities have buildings, roads, culture, art, music, theatres, athletics, good and services.
32. Slide
- a. All of these will be in the New Heaven.
 - b. It is a very earthly place! It will be much like it is here, but without any of the bad stuff!
33. Slide
- a. What else has God revealed?
34. Slide
- a. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul says that we will not all be the same.
 - i. Paul is writing to the Corinthians and in his letter to them, they asked, "Hey Paul, what will our resurrected bodies be like?"
35. Slide
- a. Paul said,
 - i. "Some of us will shine like the sun."
 - ii. "Some of us will shine like the moon."
 - iii. "And some of us will shine like the stars."
 - b. In other words, we are not all going to be the same. There will be differences in us.
36. Slide
- a. What else has God revealed?
37. Slide
- a. In Revelation 21:27 we learn that nothing impure will enter into it.
 - i. So in other words, nothing bad will ever be there.
 - ii. There will be no more sin.
 - iii. No more people speaking bad things or hurting others.
 - iv. There will only be love and kindness there.
38. Slide
- a. This also means that there will be no TEMPTER (Satan) and no old nature that is inside of us.
 - i. (Read each bullet point.)
39. Slide
- a. What else has God revealed?
40. Slide
- a. There will be animals in Heaven.
 - b. In Revelation 19:11 we see that there will be a horse. (Read the text.)
 - c. In Isaiah 65:25, where we assume Isaiah is speaking about Heaven, we discover that there will be a wolf, a lamb and a lion. Hence, multiple animals.
41. Slide
- a. What else has God revealed?
42. Slide
- a. In Revelation 22:3, we find out that we will serve God.
 - i. (Read the text.)
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- a. What? Does that mean we're going to have jobs! OH NO, I hate having to work!
 - b. Not in Heaven. You're going to love your work!
 - i. Your work will be tailored to your personality. It will be tailored to your strengths.
 - ii. Every day you wake up, you're going to say, "I can't wait to get to work!"
 - iii. Every word spoken to you from your boss will be encouraging!
 - iv. Every word from your co-workers will be encouraging!
 - v. Every work you say to others will build them up!
 - vi. You're going to love working in Heaven.
44. Slide
- a. In Revelation 5:10, we find out that some of this work will entail reigning on the earth!
 - i. (Read the text.)
45. Slide
- a. Paul talks about this same idea in 2 Timothy 2:12.
 - i. (Read the text.)
46. Slide
- a. We also find it in Revelation 3:21.
 - i. (Read the text.)
47. Slide
- a. Now we learn something very interesting in Romans 8:16,17. Look at the text.
 - i. (Read the text.)
 - b. What is an heir?
 - i. (Wait for your audience to respond.)
 - ii. That's right, an heir is someone who gets an inheritance. Usually when your parents die, you get their estate, their house, their cars, whatever is left.
48. Slide
- a. So what is a co-heir?
 - i. A co-heir means that whatever one inherits, the other inherits too!
49. Slide
- a. So what does Christ inherit?
50. Slide
- a. Our answer is found in Hebrews 1:1,2.
 - i. (Read the text.)
 - b. What are "all things?"
 - i. (Let your audience respond, but don't let them say, "All things." Have them get specific.
 - ii. You want answers like "This building, America, the Earth, our solar system, our Milky Way galaxy, ...and then conclude with, The Entire Universe!")
51. Slide

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- a. That's right. Christ inherits the universe, and we are co-heirs with Christ, so what are we inheriting?
52. Slide
- a. That's right—the universe!
53. Slide
- a. We inherit the universe to rule and reign over.
54. Slide
- a. Who will we be ruling over?
55. Slide
- a. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:3 that we will be ruling over angels.
 - i. (Read the text.)
56. Slide
- a. What will be our domain in the universe?
57. Slide
- a. In a parable that Jesus gave in Luke 19, we find out that some of us will be ruling over cities!
 - i. (Read the text.)
58. Slide
- a. In 1 Corinthians 6:2, Paul says that some of us will rule over the earth. In other words, since we inherit the entire universe, we may be ruling over a planet!
59. Slide
- a. All of this means there are differing levels of authority in the New Heavens.
 - b. This makes sense, because right now there are differing levels of authorities.
 - i. If you'll remember in the book of Daniel, Daniel prayed and an angel came to answer Daniel. But the text tells us that the angel was delayed for two weeks because of "The Prince of Persia." In other words, the Prince of Persia was too powerful for the angel.
 - ii. There are differing levels of authority right now. It will be that way in the New Heaven as well.
60. Slide
- a. How are those levels determined?
 - i. (Read the verses.)
 - b. They are determined on how faithful and trustworthy we are here on this earth.
 - i. If we are very faithful and trustworthy, we'll be given lots to rule and reign over.
 - ii. If we're not very faithful and trustworthy, we won't be given much—if any—to rule and reign over.
61. Slide
- a. In Conclusion
62. Slide

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- a. In Revelation 21:5, there is one last key thing that I want to point out that is a misconception that we have about Heaven.
 - i. (Read the verse.)
63. Slide
- a. Note: This is said AFTER Jesus made the new Heaven and the new Earth.
 - b. Why is that so significant?
64. Slide
- a. This could mean...
 - i. (Read the bullet points.)
65. Slide
- a. Your best days are ahead of you!
 - b. God is going to make everything new!
66. Slide
- a. (Read the text. Emphasize the word “gain.”)
 - b. Doesn't it make so much more sense now why Heaven is gain?
67. Slide
- a. Heaven is so totally cool!
68. Slide
- a. (Read the slide.
 - b. Have them each name one thing that they learned that was new or that they really like.)