

HEAVEN

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For a few moments let us consider why heaven should be the chief aim of all of us as God's children.

The Father's House. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." {John 14:2,3}

We are being given an opportunity of living in God's house-His dwelling place. Yet, not as a guest, but as a member of His spiritual family! Can you ever begin to understand what a wonderful privilege and honor to reside where God lives?

A Resting Place. "For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God." (Hebrews 4:8,9)

Heaven will be a place where we rest from our toils, sorrows, heartaches and struggles with life. It will be a place where one will experience sweet rest. Our lives here are beset with trials, tribulations, and obstacles placed in our path by our adversary – injustice, suffering, sickness and constantly battling temptation. In heaven none of these things will ever plague us again. Heaven is a place where our earthly struggles will be behind us. Allowing us to be in the presence of the one who loves us and sent His Son to die making it possible to be with Him forever.

A Place of Reward. "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only, but also to all who have loved His appearing." {2 Timothy 4:8}

What is in it for me to live a faithful life unto the Lord? God has promised a reward for those who will seek to attain it. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. In order to get to heaven one must desire this home with all of his being. It will take all of our effort and with the help of God it will become a reality. Heaven is difficult for us to imagine while living here – but it's a real place. Dear reader, would you really want to go anywhere else? ***