



Matt 2:1-12

# HOPE realized

- HOPE OF GLORY
- I CAN ONLY IMAGINE
- REVELATION 6:9-11

- **WILL WE ALLOW OUR IMAGINATION TO FUEL OUR HOPE ABOUT HEAVEN?**

**A. OUR THOUGHTS ON HEAVEN MUST BE FRAMED BY SCRIPTURE BUT *INFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.***

- **ECCL 3:11, JOHN 3:12, 1 COR 2:9-10, ROM 8:18**

**B. IMAGINE – “PARADISE,” “RIVER THAT MAKES GLAD THE CITY OF GOD,” “FESTAL ASSEMBLY,” “BANQUET.”**

- **REV 2:7, LUKE 23:43, PS 46:4, HEB 12:22-23**

# **1. IMAGINE YOUR WELCOMING COMMITTEE. WHO DO YOU THINK WILL GREET YOU?**

**A. ANGELS. LUKE 16:22, Ps 91:11,**

**B. FAMILY.**

- **“GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE.” GEN 25:8, 35:29, 49:33, NUM 20:24**
- **MATT 22:30?**

**C. OTHER BELIEVERS. HEB 12:1**

**D. THOSE YOU HAVE HELPED IN THIS LIFE WHO HAVE DIED.**

- **PROV 16:19, LUKE 16:9**

## 2. IMAGINE WHAT YOUR HEAVENLY BODY WILL BE LIKE.

WILL WE AGE? 1 COR 15:50; 15:42

WILL WE HAVE A “BODY”? PHIL 3:20-21, LUKE 24:39

- REV 6:9, “... I SAW UNDER THE ALTAR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN SLAIN ... 11 THERE WAS GIVEN TO EACH OF THEM A WHITE ROBE... REST UNTIL THE NUMBER OF THEIR FELLOW SERVANTS AND THEIR BROTHERS ... IS COMPLETED ALSO.”

**3. IMAGINE HOW YOUR DECEASED, BELIEVING, LOVED ONES ARE PULLING FOR YOU, RIGHT NOW.**

- A. WITNESSES CHEER THE CHURCH ON. HEB 12:1**
- B. THE MARTYRS ARE AWARE THAT SIN CONTINUES. REV 6:10-11, REV 20:4**
- C. LAZARUS & RICH MAN – AWARE OF EACH OTHER; RICH MAN OF HIS LOST BROTHERS. LUKE 16:23-31.**
- D. ELDERS - HOLDING “GOLDEN BOWLS FILLED W INCENSE - PRAYERS OF SAINTS.” REV 5:8**

**4. IMAGINE WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS.**

- A. 5:8-9, ELDERS FALL DOWN IN WORSHIP;**
- B. 5:10, MYRIADS OF ANGELS JOIN IN SONG.**
- C. 5:13 EVERY CREATED THING SINGS**
- D. 7:9 GREAT MULTITUDE WHICH NO ONE CAN COUNT**
- E. HARPS. SINGING. REV 5:8, 5:11**
- F. ONENESS W CHRIST. JOHN 17:20-23**

- **RESOURCES FOR STUDY**

- **HEAVEN.** *RANDY ALCORN, 2004, ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE MINISTRIES.*
- **ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN.**  
*DAVID JEREMIAH, 2015, CHRISTIAN AUDIO.*
- **HEAVEN – MY FATHER’S HOUSE.** *ANN GRAHAM LOTZ.*

- **RESOURCES ON NDE**

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- **DON PIPER, *90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN*. FLEMING REVELL, 2004)**



# 1. IS THERE AN INTERMEDIATE HEAVEN (OR HELL)?

## HEAVEN:

A. EPH 4:8-10

B. 2 COR 12:2-4

## HELL:

A. REV 20:13

B. NOT “PURGATORY” OR A PLACE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANCE.  
HEB 9:27, LUKE 16:26

# WILL WE BE IGNORANT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING ON EARTH WHILE IN HEAVEN?

- A. REV 6:9-10. MARTYRS ARE IDENTIFIED BY HOW THEY DIED, AND THAT JUSTICE HAS NOT YET OCCURRED.
- B. REV 5:6. LAMB IS IDENTIFIED BY HOW HE DIED, AND THAT HE HAS OVERCOME HIS OWN DEATH AND NOW LIVES.
- C. REV 20:4. TWO SEPARATE GROUPS ARE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR ACTIONS WHILE ON EARTH.
- D. REV 2:17. A WHITE STONE, A NEW NAME, IN HEAVEN IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO REMAINED FAITHFUL AMIDST PERSECUTION.
- E. REV 4:10. CROWNS ARE CAST BEFORE THE THROWN BY ELDERS.