

“A Place Called Heaven”
John 14:1-4

Introduction: Did Jesus say more about hell than He did about heaven? As we look at the Scriptures, we see that Jesus spoke the word “hell” *16 times* and the word “heaven” approximately *113 times*. Then, He spoke of the “heavenly” *seven times*, “heaven’s” *one time*, and “heavens” *twice*. Although several of these applies to the “kingdom of heaven”, His reference to heaven totals about *123 times*. This is seven times more than Jesus spoke about hell. Apparently, Jesus had more to say about heaven than He did about hell. Evidently, the Lord desires to create a thirst in our heart about this place called heaven. What a blessing to know, that for the saints of God, there is a place prepared for us! Notice this wonderful place called heaven.

1. The Preparation of Heaven John 14:1-4- “I go to prepare a place for you”
2. The Presentation of Heaven II Corinthians 5:8- “to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord”
3. The Pleasures of Heaven Philippians 1:23- “to be with Christ; which is far better”

Body: Certainly, God’s children are heavenly children. Our eternal home will be in the heavens as we serve the Lord in the New Jerusalem. The Bible has much to say about our heavenly status. Notice the heavenly *people* (Luke 2:13), *provisions* (Ephesians 1:3), *positions* (Ephesians 2:6), *preservation* (II Timothy 4:18), *partakers* (Hebrews 3:1), *presentation* (Hebrews 6:4), *picture* (Hebrews 8:5), and *place* (Hebrews 11:16, 12:22). Since “heaven” is in the Bible *551 times*, “heavenly” *22 times*, “heaven’s” *one time*, and “heavens” *127 times*, let us study this place called heaven.

- I. The Creation of Heaven Genesis 1:1- “God created the heaven” Psalms 115:15, 103:11, 8:3, 19:1, 102:25
 - A. The Whole Heaven Genesis 7:19- “under the whole heaven” Genesis 2:1 (Webster’s 1828—“The Hebrews acknowledged three heavens; the air or aerial heavens; the firmament in which the stars are supposed to be placed; and the heaven of heavens, or third heaven, the residence of Jehovah.”)
 1. First Heaven Genesis 1:1, 1:6-8, Revelation 21:1- “the first heaven”
 2. Second Heaven Genesis 1:14-19
 3. Third Heaven II Corinthians 12:2- “caught up to the third heaven”
 - B. The Windows of Heaven Genesis 7:11, 8:2- “windows of heaven” Malachi 3:10
 - C. The Ways of Heaven Psalms 78:23- “the doors of heaven” Revelation 4:1
- II. The Commander of Heaven Genesis 14:19, 22- “possessor of heaven” Daniel 4:37, Revelation 4:2
- III. The Contributions of Heaven Genesis 49:25- “bless thee with blessings of heaven above”
 - A. Bread Exodus 16:4- “I will rain bread from heaven for you” John 6:32, 6:51

- B. Book Psalm 119:89- “thy word is settled in heaven”
 - C. Blood Hebrews 9:12-14
- IV. The Compassion in Heaven Psalm 36:5- “Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens”
Psalm 57:10
- V. The Conversations of Heaven Exodus 20:22- “I have talked with you from heaven”
- A. From the Sovereign
 1. For Instruction Deuteronomy 4:36- “that he might instruct thee”
 2. For Illumination Nehemiah 9:13- “spakest with them from heaven...”
 3. For Indictments Daniel 4:31- “there fell a voice from heaven...”
 4. For Intimacy Matthew 3:17- “a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son”
 - B. From the Saint I Kings 8:45- “hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication” Romans 8:26, 34
- VI. The Companions of Heaven I Kings 22:19- “all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left”
- A. The Advocate Mark 16:19- “he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God” Acts 1:10-11, 7:55, Hebrews 9:24, I Peter 3:22
 - B. The Angels Matthew 18:10- “in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven” Matthew 24:36
 - C. The Authorities I Peter 3:22
 1. Archangels Daniel 12:1 (Michael), Daniel 9:21-23 (Gabriel)
 2. Cherubims Ezekiel 10:19-22
 3. Seraphims Isaiah 6:2, 6
 - D. The Accepted Luke 10:20, Hebrews 12:23
- VII. The Circuit of Heaven Job 22:14- “he walketh in the circuit of heaven”
- A. “circuit” (Strong’s)- “circle, compass, encircle, encompass”
 - B. “circuit” (Webster’s)- “The act of moving or passing round; as the periodical circuit of the earth round the sun, or of the moon round the earth.”
- VIII. The Control in Heaven Psalm 11:4- “the LORD’S throne *is* in heaven” Revelation 20:11-15, I Kings 22:19, Psalm 47:8, Isaiah 66:1
- IX. The Concern of Heaven Psalm 14:2- “The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men” Psalm 33:13
- X. The Cleanness of Heaven Psalm 20:6- “his holy heaven”
- XI. The Castaway of Heaven Luke 10:18- “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven”

- XII. The Corn of Heaven Psalm 78:24- “the corn of heaven”
- XIII. The Covering of Heaven Psalm 147:8- “covereth the heaven with clouds”
Habakkuk 3:3
- XIV. The Capacity of Heaven Isaiah 40:12- “meted out heaven with the span” Jeremiah 31:37, 49:36
- XV. The Commandments of Heaven Jeremiah 33:25- “the ordinances of heaven and earth”
- XVI. The Contenders of Heaven Daniel 4:35- “the army of heaven” Revelation 19:14
- XVII. The Clouds of Heaven Daniel 7:13- “the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven” Matthew 26:64
- XVIII. The Compensation in Heaven Matthew 5:12- “for great *is* your reward in heaven”
Matthew 6:20, 19:21
- XIX. The Crowns in Heaven
- A. Incorruptible Crown I Corinthians 9:25-27 (For those who overcome the old nature)
 - B. Crown of Life James 1:2-3, Revelation 2:10 (For those who endure temptation)
 - C. Crown of Righteousness II Timothy 4:8 (For those who look for His appearing)
 - D. Crown of Glory I Peter 5:2-4 (For the faithful pastor)
 - E. Crown of Rejoicing Proverbs 11:30, I Thessalonians 2:19-20 (For the soul-winners)
- XX. The Cheer in Heaven Luke 15:7- “joy shall be in heaven”
- XXI. The Comfort of Heaven Luke 19:38- “peace in heaven”
- XXII. The Conviction from Heaven Acts 9:3- “there shined round about him a light from heaven” Acts 22:6, 26:13
- XXIII. The Confidence of Heaven Colossians 1:5- “the hope which is laid up for you in heaven” I Peter 1:4
- XXIV. The Cathedral in Heaven Revelation 11:19- “the temple of God was opened in heaven” Revelation 14:17, 16:17
- XXV. The Church in Heaven Revelation 19:1- “voice of much people in heaven”
- XXVI. The City in Heaven Revelation 21:2- “the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven” Revelation 21:10

XXVII. The Conclusion of Heaven Matthew 24:35- “Heaven and earth shall pass away” II Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 21:1, Isaiah 65:17, Isaiah 66:22

Conclusion: “Hell” is spoken of in the Bible *54 times* and the “lake of fire” *four times* with *one* other reference. Heaven is discussed *701 times*. It is evident that the Lord has much to say about heaven. Although this is true, one factor must be stressed, and that is the way of salvation. Heaven is a glorious and indescribable place, but the only way to get there is through the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:5-6). If a sinner rejects Jesus, his or her eternal doom will be hell and the lake of fire. Ye must repent in order to see and enter into heaven. Jesus said, “Ye must be born again.”