

# The Truth About Heaven

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## 1. Overview of Scriptural Teaching

### Definition

### Old Testament

Deuteronomy 10:14  
1 Kings 8:30  
Nehemiah 9:6  
Psalm 11:4  
Psalm 80:14  
Psalm 148:4  
Isaiah 14:12  
Isaiah 55:10  
Isaiah 57:15  
Isaiah 65:17  
Isaiah 66:22  
Ezekiel 1:4-28

### New Testament

Matthew 6:9  
Matthew 26:29  
Mark 14:25  
Luke 10:20  
Luke 23:43  
John 14:1-3  
1 Corinthians 2:9  
2 Corinthians 5:1-2  
2 Corinthians 12:2-4  
Philippians 2:10-11  
Philippians 3:20, 21  
Hebrews 12:22  
Revelation 2:7  
Revelation 11:15  
Revelation 21-22

“That is Ezekiel’s description of God’s throne in heaven. We can’t fully understand all he described, and neither did he. But under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit he attempted within the limitations of human language and intelligence to describe what he saw: blazing light reflected off polished jewels and colored wheels of light mingled with angelic beings (the “living beings”). Around the throne of the eternal, glorious God, he saw a flashing, sparkling, spinning rainbow of brilliance...So although Ezekiel’s picture of heaven may be beyond our ability to fathom, we can certainly grasp the main idea: Heaven is a realm of inexpressible glory.”<sup>1</sup>

## 2. Descriptions of Heaven

### King, Kingdom, Throne

### Paradise

### New Heavens and New Earth

### God Is with Man

### The New Jerusalem

### The Book of Revelation

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<sup>1</sup> John MacArthur, [\*The Glory of Heaven: The Truth about Heaven, Angels, and Eternal Life\*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1996), 81.

### 3. Clarifications & Explanations About Heaven

The Beginning of Bliss

The Type of Existence

#### Conclusion

Everything Scripture says about the death of believers indicates that they are immediately ushered consciously into the Lord's presence. In the words of the Westminster Confession of Faith, "The bodies of men after death return to dust, and see corruption; but their souls, (which neither die nor sleep,) having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies" (32.1).<sup>2</sup>

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