

WHAT IF WE COULD TAKE A LOOK INTO HEAVEN

John 14:2

Introduction: The Bible does not tell us everything about heaven or hell. If Jesus told us exactly how heaven was/is, we would be very unhappy being kept down here. God has shown us a little bit of the life and place awaiting us. Although there are slides, movies, stories, books, magazines and anything one can think up to stir our imagination about what heaven must be like, nobody who has not ever been there can really tell anybody else what it is like. The Apostle John was given a glimpse into heaven and he was totally unable to describe everything he saw and heard. (Revelation 14:13) John was never the same. If you and I could take a look into heaven, we wouldn't be the same again ever.

I. WE WOULD SEE WHAT GOD WANTS FOR EVERYBODY

1. The Bible begins with man in a garden of perfect delight.
 - Man was given a pleasant occupation, tend the garden.
 - Man was given great companionship, God, a wife, animals.
 - Man was given beautiful surroundings, perfect in every way.
2. Sin entered and destroyed God's plans for everybody.
 - Man was in God's image and walked and talked with God every day.
 - Satan brought unbelief, rebellion and greed to man and caused fellowship between man and God to be broken.
 - God had to remove man from the perfect place, the garden of Eden.
3. The Bible is a record of God's activities by which He is seeking to bring man back to the same condition he once had in the Garden of Eden.
 - The Bible opens with man in paradise and closes with redeemed man again in paradise.
 - God's work from the Garden has been designed to help man regain that which was lost because of sin.

II. WE WOULD SEE WHAT GOD HAS WAITING FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM (1 Corinthians 2:9)

1. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.
 - Designed to please every single person.
 - Beautiful beyond description (streets, walls, etc.)
 - Total comfort in every way.
2. Heaven is a place of perfect holiness (Revelation 21:27)
 - It is a place of rest. All battles and struggles over.
 - It is a place of perfect health. New bodies.
 - It is a place of active service. According to one's faithfulness, a place of service.
 - It is a place of rewards. For faithful service done during one's lifetime on earth.

III. WE WOULD SEE WHAT OUR LOST FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WILL MISS

1. The unsaved will be shut out of heaven, they will never see it.
- Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:11-15
2. Instead of going to heaven the unsaved will go to Hell, the place God prepared for Satan and all his other fallen angels who rebelled against God.
3. There is nothing worse than missing heaven and going to hell.
- The most important thing in a person's life is to know for sure that he/she is going to go to heaven.

IV. WE WOULD SEE WHY JESUS WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR LOST MANKIND

1. Jesus was willing to die (and did) that we might receive eternal life (to be restored) as a gift and have the privilege of living with God in that wonderful heaven.
2. Jesus died to save us from hell and to save us for heaven.
3. The privilege of going to heaven is the highest possible destiny and the greatest possible blessing that can be bestowed on any person and it is God's desire that we all have it.

CONCLUSION:

- 1.. If we could take a look into heaven we would realize immediately how foolish it is to live for this life only.
2. Looking into heaven would do much to enable us to face whatever came our way down here.
3. Death is certain. Facing God is certain. Heaven is certain. Hell is certain.
4. God has done all He can to get us into His heaven, now it is up to us to decide if we want to go.