

SERMON NOTES

Countdown to Armageddon

“Glimpses of Glory”

Sunday, June 14, 2020 – AM Sermon

Text: Revelation 21:1-5

INTRODUCTION

□ Heaven is mentioned over **500 times** in Scripture.

I. HEAVEN IS AN ACTUAL PLACE

*John 14:2 – “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.”*

□ The Greek word = **“Topos” = “Topology”**
= A material – tangible place.

□ It is such a definite place that God even gives the size of it.

Revelation 21:16 – “And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.”

II. HEAVEN IS AN AMAZING PLACE

A. THE STRUCTURE OF HEAVEN

□ On the **outside** – It looks like a sparkling – transparent **diamond**.

□ On the **inside** – the **foundations** are made out of **precious stones**.

B. THE SIGHTS IN HEAVEN

Isaiah 64:4 – “For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen...what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.”

□ There will be **12 gates** – each of which is made of **pearl**.

“There is a sermon in the fact that the gates are pearl because Heaven is entered through suffering and travail – through redemption and blood – through the agony of the Cross. A pearl is a jewel made by a little animal that is wounded. Without the wound – the pearl is never formed.” W.A. Criswell

C. THE SPLENDOR IN HEAVEN

□ Revelation 21:4 – “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

D. THE SAVIOR IN HEAVEN

□ **Question** – **Who** is going to be in Heaven?

1. **There are going to be angels in Heaven**
2. **The Old Testament Saints**
3. **The New Testament Saints**
4. **The people who come out of the Great Tribulation**
5. **All the Bible-believing Saints**

WE ARE GOING TO SEE JESUS

- The **light** of Heaven → is the **face** of Jesus
- The **music** of Heaven → is the **theme** of Jesus
- The **employment** of Heaven → is the **service** of Jesus
- The **joy** of Heaven → is the **presence** of Jesus
- The **fullness** of Heaven → is **person** of Jesus

III. HEAVEN IS AN APPOINTED PLACE

**YOU CAN'T BE HEAVEN-BOUND UNTIL
YOU HAVE BEEN HEAVEN-BORN**

A. IT INVOLVES AN INVITATION

B. IT INVOLVES A CONVERSION

Matthew 18:3 Jesus said – “...Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

C. IT INVOLVES ANTICIPATION

APPLICATION GUIDE

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Where is the most beautiful place you have been and why?

Where would you like to vacation and why?

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What do you think of when you think about heaven?

How would you describe heaven to a friend?

II. HEAVEN IS AN AMAZING PLACE

Remembering Pastor’s sermon, what is the significance of the pearly gates?

Read Revelation 21:4, what will not be in heaven and how does that make you feel?

Which Bible character are you looking forward to talk to and why?

Who are you excited to see in heaven?

III. HEAVEN IS AN APPOINTED PLACE

Read Colossians 3:2, what instruction is given to you and why is it important?

Read Matthew 18:3, what does it mean to be converted?

Do you know that heaven is your eternal home? If so, how do you know?

What might need to change in your life for you to be ready for heaven?

How should you live on this earth knowing that you are going to one day live in heaven?