



Three Truths About Heaven: Truth #3

MAIN THING

Heaven is a place where all troubles cease

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:1, 1 Peter 1:3-4, Revelation 7:15-17, Revelation 21:1-5

ICEBREAKER

The funniest TV show was/is

OPENING THOUGHT

“The first words we shall utter upon entering heaven will be, “Of course.” -CS Lewis. Lewis was referring to the fact that once we enter heaven, it will all make sense. Every pain, every question, every terrible tragedy, every time of suffering- it will all make sense. We will find that not one of our struggles was wasted. Not one of our problems was haphazard. We will see God’s divine purpose in everything we couldn’t see when we were alive on earth.

Heaven is a place where all troubles cease, because in heaven things are as God intends them to be. No more suffering, no more evil, no more temptations, no more sin. It is the prize for every Christian. It is our eternal home. Jesus, through His death and resurrection, has opened the door to heaven for all who would call on His name and be saved.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon identified four things about heaven: 1) There will be no death, 2) We will receive our inheritance, 3) There will be no more suffering, and 4) All things will be made new. Which of these stood out to you and meant the most to you? Why?
3. The sermon said in “in heaven, we will realize that none of our struggles were wasted.” How does the promise of heaven make the hard times we experience tolerable? If you are experiencing a difficult time now, does the eternal perspective of heaven make that struggle any easier?

LIFE APPLICATION

A theologian once said that one of the ways God uses evil and suffering here on earth is to make us yearn for our eternal home. Every sin committed, every atrocity we read about in the news, every evil act we see makes us realize that we were not meant for this world and that we are not home. Without struggle and hardship, we would run the risk of thinking that this world was our home and we would stop yearning for heaven.

Unfortunately, many in God’s family have stopped yearning for home. We have made ourselves comfortable here in this world, adopted its values and its comforts, accepted this as normal, and give very little thought to what God has for us for eternity. We focus on the blip of this world and avoid the eternity of heaven. The church needs to re-align itself with God’s word and begin hungering and thirsting for heaven once again.

CHALLENGE

No challenge this week. Simply enjoy and think about what Jesus has done for you, and let the promise of heaven bring you joy this week.