

P. Heaven will be filled with worship

Revelation 4:8–11, NIV84 -⁸ *Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”*⁹ *Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,*¹⁰ *the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:*¹¹ *“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”*

Q. Heaven is reserved ONLY for the followers of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:27, NIV84 -²⁷ *Nothing impure will ever enter [Heaven],...but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*

R. There are some things NOT there:

Sea—nothing to separate us from our loved-ones.

Revelation 21:1, NIV84 -¹ *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.*

Tears—nothing to sadden us.

Revelation 21:4, NIV84 -⁴ *He will wipe every tear from their eyes.*

Sickness—nothing to make us ill.

Revelation 22:2, NIV84 -² *...And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*

Pain—nothing to hurt us.

Revelation 21:4, NIV84 -⁴ *There will be no more ...pain....*

Death—nothing to grieve us.

Revelation 21:4, NIV84 -⁴ *There will be no more ...death....*

Night—nothing to scare us.

Revelation 21:25, NIV84 -²⁵ *On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.*

Hunger or Thirst—we will need nothing.

Revelation 7:16, NIV84 -¹⁶ *Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.*

Sin—nothing that breaks the heart of God.

Revelation 21:27, NIV84 -²⁷ *Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*

"HEAVEN"

Part Three

Revelation 4 and Selected Scriptures

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REVIEW

- #1. The Placement of the Throne—front and center.
- #2. The Person on the Throne—God Himself!
- #3. The People Around the throne—Followers of Christ.
- #4. The Praise Toward the Throne—“Holy...*You are Worthy.*”



Paul had a desire to depart and be with Christ. The type of saint who is homesick for heaven is pretty scarce these days. The average Christian has driven down his tent pegs in this world, and is so comfortably settled in these lowlands that heaven does not have the attraction for those pilgrims and strangers who look for a City which has foundations whose builder and maker is God.”

- The late, Dr. Vance Havener

Inside Heaven—The Throne Room of God

5. The particulars about the Throne.

A. Heaven is right now being prepared by Christ Himself.

John 14:1–3, NAS -¹ *“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.”*² *“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.”*³ *“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”*

B. Heaven is a holy place.

Revelation 21:27, NIV84 -²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it...

C. Heaven is a perfect place.

1 Corinthians 13:10, NIV84 -¹⁰ but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

D. Heaven is a beautiful place.

Psalms 50:2, NIV84 -² From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

E. Heaven is a joyful place.

Psalms 16:11, NIV84 -¹¹ You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

F. Heaven is an eternal place.

Psalms 23:6, NIV84 -⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

G. Heaven is place of great happiness.

Revelation 7:16–17, NIV84 -¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

H. In Heaven, believers will have glorified bodies.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–17, NIV84 -¹³ Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Corinthians 15:51–54, NIV84 -⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

I. The angels will guard Heaven.

Revelation 21:12, NIV84 -¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates.

J. God the Father will be there.

Daniel 7:9, NIV84 -⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of His head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

K. God the Son will be there.

Revelation 5:5–6, NIV84 -⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.

L. God the Spirit will be there.

Revelation 14:13, NIV84 -¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor...."

M. The Believer's rewards are in Heaven.

Matthew 5:11–12, NIV84 -¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 6:20, NIV84 -²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

N. The "River of Life" is there to insure everlasting life.

Revelation 22:1, NIV84 -¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

O. The "Tree of Life" is there to insure abundant life.

Revelation 2:7, NIV84 -⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.