

**Talk 2 – Heaven Sent!**

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**Talk Outline**

Golden Ticket to Heaven

**Neglected?**

- To preoccupied with the present
- To comfortable
- Inevitable
- Unappealing
- Too awesome

**What does the Bible say about Heaven?**

**1. For God's Glory**

Genesis 1:1 - 'In the beginning God created the *heavens* and the earth'.

**Heavens**

**a. atmosphere**

Isaiah 55:10 – 'As the rain and the snow come down *from heaven*'

Daniel 4:15 – 'Let him be drenched with the dew *of heaven*'

Jeremiah 4:25 – 'every bird *in the sky* had flown away'

**b. space**

Genesis 1:14 - 'God said let there be lights in the *expanse* of the sky'

- Point us to God

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Psalm 19:1 - 'The *heavens* declare the glory of God the skies proclaim the work of his hands.'

- Our reality check

Psalm 147:4 – 'He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name'

Isaiah 40:12 – 'Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?'

**c. 'heaven'**

2 Chronicles 2:6 – 'who is able to build a temple for him, since *the heavens*, even the *highest heavens*, cannot contain him?'

Hebrews 9:24 – 'For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered *heaven itself*, now to appear for us in God's presence.'

2 Corinthians 12:2 – 'I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the *third heaven*.'

- Where?

The dwelling place of God

Isaiah 63:15 – 'Look down *from heaven* and see, from your lofty throne, holy and glorious'

Psalm 23:6 – 'I will  *dwell in the house* of the Lord forever'.

Matthew 6:9 – 'Our Father *in heaven*, hallowed be your name'

Restricted to a place?

1 Kings 8:27 – 'But will God really dwell on earth? The *heavens*, even the *highest heaven*, cannot contain you'

God's home

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Psalm 73:24 – ‘You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me *into glory*’.

**2. When God’s Glory departed**

Genesis 1 > Genesis 3 > Genesis 6

‘For all have sinned and fall short of \_\_\_\_\_.’ (Romans 3:23)

**3. God’s Glory restored**

**4. Glory returns**

In Christ

Luke 2:14 – *the heavenly hosts erupt*

John 1:14 – ‘*the glory of the one and only God*’

John 17:4 - ‘Father, I have brought *you glory* on earth by completing the work you gave me to do’

Eph 2:6 – ‘God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the *heavenly realms* in Christ Jesus’

2 Cor 3:18 – ‘we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate *the Lord’s glory*, are being transformed into his image *with ever-increasing glory*, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.’

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At the end of the age

Rev 21:1-4 - “a *new heaven* and a new earth,”

**How do we get to Heaven?**

**It is Christ who brings us to heaven**

Exodus 33:18-23

**- By redeeming us**

1 Peter 3:18 – ‘For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, *to bring you to God.*’

**- By interceding for us now**

Heb 4:14 – ‘we have a great high priest who has *ascended into heaven*, Jesus the Son of God’

Hebrews 7:23-27

**Being Heaven Sent!**

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1 Thess 4:13-17

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