

# Heaven

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Do you know what the Bible really says about Heaven? Do you ever think about what Heaven will be like? Do you know without a doubt you will be going to Heaven when you die?

This book by Randy Alcorn addresses these questions and so many more. He takes us on a journey through the Bible and what it has to say about Heaven. He points out that Heaven is not a topic often preached about, nor is it the subject of most Bible studies. Yet, he believes it is essential for us to set our minds on Heaven, because it will change the way we live on this earth. He says “thinking of Heaven leads inevitably to pursuing holiness.”

The author asks: “Do I daily realize there are only two destinations - Heaven or Hell - and that I and every person I know will go to one or the other?” When we realize this, it changes the way we view others and motivates us to share Christ with them while we still have the chance.

This book addresses many misconceptions about Heaven that are prevalent in our society today such as “Heaven will be so boring- we will float around in the clouds with nothing to do but strum a harp.” Another one is “We won’t know anyone or anything from Earth.” And finally, “Heaven is an unending church service.” He goes on to tell us that the truth about Heaven is “God promises to those who follow Jesus Christ: a resurrected life in a resurrected body, with the resurrected Christ on a resurrected Earth.”

The author divides his book into three parts. Part One gives the theology of Heaven and how we can know for certain we will be going to Heaven. Part Two includes questions and answers about Heaven, such as: What will the resurrected Earth be like? What will our lives be like? What will our relationships be like? What about animals in Heaven? Will our pets be there? What will we do in Heaven? Part Three shows us how to live in light of what the Bible teaches us about Heaven.

I found this book very informative, Biblically-based, and fascinating to read. I couldn’t turn the pages fast enough to see what the author had to say next. And, it made me homesick for my Heavenly home! Randy Alcorn’s *Heaven* gets two thumbs up from me!