

**The Best Is Yet To Come, Pt. 1**  
**Series: God Is Good All the Time**  
**Psalm 23:6; Sermon Outline**  
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- † *Psalm 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever" (NKJV).*

**What Does The Bible Say About Heaven?**

**1. Heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_; not some \_\_\_\_\_.**

- † *Ephesians 2:5b-7, "It is through grace that we have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God has given us a place with Christ in heaven <sup>7</sup>. . . to show for all the ages to come, God's goodness to us because of Christ" (PAR).*
- † *John 14:2-3, "There are many rooms in my Father's house and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. <sup>3</sup>And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am" (GNT).*

**2. Heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_ place that will \_\_\_\_\_.**

- † *2 Corinthians 5:1, "We know that our body—the tent we live in here on earth—will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever" (NCV).*
- † *Ephesians 1:10, "This is God's purpose: that when the time is right, God will gather His children together from wherever we are to be with Him in Christ forever" (PAR).*

**3. Heaven is a place \_\_\_\_\_ only for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- † *Revelation 21:27, "Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be able to enter heaven" (PAR).*
- † *John 10:6, "I am THE Way, THE Truth, and THE Life. No one can come to the Father except through Me" (NLT).*
- † *James 2:19-20, "You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup>How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?" (NLT).*
- † *Matthew 7:21, "'Not all those who say, 'You are our Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven. The only people who will enter the kingdom of heaven are those who do what My Father in heaven wants" (NCV).*
- † *Matthew 12:50, "Anyone who does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister!" (NLT).*
- † *Revelation 20:12, 15, "I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books . . . <sup>15</sup>And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire" (NLT).*
- † *John 10:27-29, "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from Me, <sup>29</sup>for My Father has given them to Me, and He is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand" (NLT).*
- † *Romans 8:35, 38-39, "Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? . . . <sup>38</sup>And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup>No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (NLT).*
- † *Philippians 1:6, "I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns" (NLT).*
- † *1 Peter 1:4-5, "We have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. <sup>5</sup>And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see" (NLT).*
- † *Romans 5:10, "For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son" (NLT).*

### If I Cannot Lose My Salvation, What Does Hebrews 6:4-6 Mean?:

† Hebrews 6:4-6, "For it is impossible to restore to repentance those who have once been enlightened spiritually and who have tasted and consciously experienced the heavenly gift and have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and have tasted and consciously experienced the good word of God and the powers of the age (world) to come, <sup>6</sup>and then have fallen away—it is impossible to bring them back again to repentance, since they again nail the Son of God on the cross for as far as they are concerned, they are treating the death of Christ as if they were not saved by it, and are holding Him up again to public disgrace" (AMP).

1. The word translated as "enlightened" in Hebrews 6:4 is the Greek New Testament word [φωτίζω; fōtizō] and it refers to being "mentally \_\_\_\_\_ of something, to be instructed, and informed. It carries no connotation of a \_\_\_\_\_ -- of accepting or rejection, belief or disbelief."

† In Matthew 4:16 Jesus quotes from Isaiah 9:1-2, "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light [φωτίζω; fōtizō]. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light [φωτίζω; fōtizō] has shined" (NLT).

- All who saw and heard Jesus saw this "great light," but not all who saw and heard were \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ God's light and \_\_\_\_\_ it are not the \_\_\_\_\_.

† John 12:37-40, "Jesus replied, 'My light [φωτίζω; fōtizō] will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light [φωτίζω; fōtizō] while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the light [φωτίζω; fōtizō] while there is still time; then you will become children of the light'" [φωτίζω; fōtizō] (NLT).

2. The word translated as "tasted" in Hebrews 6:4 is the Greek New Testament word [γεύομαι; geuōmai]. It means "to \_\_\_\_\_ the taste of, to try the \_\_\_\_\_ of." It does not mean to feast or gorge. In other words, these people in Hebrews 6:4-6 did not \_\_\_\_\_ the gift God offered. They did not \_\_\_\_\_; they only \_\_\_\_\_ it or occasionally \_\_\_\_\_ it in some \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Greek New Testament word translated as "shared or partakers," depending on your translation is the [μέτοχος; metochos]. It literally means "to measure out or off such as any space or property with a measuring stick; when used of people, it has to do with \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_." It refers to people who are around in an \_\_\_\_\_ of other people when the Holy Spirit moves or does His work, but they personally do not \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.
4. The word translated as "word" is the Greek New Testament word [ῥῆμα; rēma], which emphasizes "the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_." This specific Greek New Testament word refers "to people who accept some of the Bible as God's Word, as God's Truth, but not \_\_\_\_\_ of it for their lives." If they had accepted all of the Bible as God's Word or God's truth, the Greek New Testament word used to express that is [λόγος; logos].

† John 1:1, "In the beginning the Word [λόγος; logos] already existed. The Word [λόγος; logos] was with God, and the Word [λόγος; logos] was God" (NLT).

† 2 Timothy 3:5, "Such people will have an outward appearance of godliness by association only, but they will not possess godliness because they have turned their backs on God's power. Have nothing to do with such people" (PAR).

- Hebrews 6:4-6 explains the difference between being \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel verses \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel as truth. Why? Hebrews 6:4-6 is not about the \_\_\_\_\_ their salvation. It is about the \_\_\_\_\_ losing \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved.

† Luke 10:20, ". . . rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven" (NASB).

† Romans 10:9-10, 13, "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved . . . <sup>13</sup>Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (NLT).

- Question: If you have given your life to Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and you know without any doubt your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, do you have any family, friends, co-workers, students, neighbors and etc., you fear their name is not written down in the Lamb's Book of Life? Is so, what do you \_\_\_\_\_? Not only is Heaven real; so is Hell.