

The Best Is Yet To Come, Pt. 2
Series: God Is Good All the Time
Psalm 23:6; Next Steps Devotional Guide
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1. When you were a child, what was your view of heaven? When you were a teen, what was your view of heaven? And as an adult, has your view of heaven changed? If so, how?
2. The first truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In heaven, God is personally present and in plain-view to us. Read Revelation 21:3 from your sermon notes under point #1 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* What does it mean to you that when you get to heaven, you will see God directly and in plain-view?
3. The second truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In Heaven, there is no sadness, sorrow or sin there. Read Revelation 21:4-5 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* What does this mean to you in light of your own personal sadnesses, sorrows and sins?
4. The third truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In heaven, the reality and experience we will have is nothing like on earth. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9 from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* Everything Hollywood has portrayed in movies and in TV shows is wrong about heaven. Why do you think they never get it right? Have you ever had a wrong view or opinion of heaven? If so, what was it and what did you do about it?
5. The fourth truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: there is no single worship location. Read Revelation 21:22 from your sermon notes under point #4 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* Currently there are 380,000 churches in America and 37 million churches worldwide.¹ What difference does it make that there is no single worship location in heaven?
6. The fifth truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: there will be no sun or moon. Read Revelation 21:23 and 1 John 1:5 from your sermon notes under point #5 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* Why do you think this is so?
7. The sixth truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In heaven, there is no crime. Read Revelation 21:25a from your sermon notes under point 6 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* You never have to lock your doors. You never have to fear being a victim. You never have to worry about being protected by law enforcement or someone else or even yourself. You will not need a home security system or a conceal weapons permit. What does this mean to you?
8. The seventh truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In heaven, there is no need for rest. Read Revelation 21:25b from your sermon notes under point 7 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* You never have to lock your doors. You never have to fear being a victim. You never have to worry about being protected by law enforcement or someone else or even yourself. You will not need a home security system or a conceal weapons permit. What does this mean to you?
9. The eighth truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In heaven, there is nothing impure or unclean or evil. Read Revelation 21:27 from your sermon notes under point 8 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* No need for Lysol. No need for disinfectants. No need for hand sanitizers. What does this mean to you? Try imagine this absolute and total pure place called heaven. What does it look like to you?
10. The ninth truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In heaven, there is no immorality or idolatry. Read Revelation 21:8 from your sermon notes under point 9 under the heading, *"How Is Earth Different From Heaven?"* Also read the explanation in your sermon notes of what the Greek New Testament word translated as "immoral" means. Then read from your Bible 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and Ephesians 5:5. What do these additional Bible passages tell you? What would it be like for you to live without any immoral sexual temptations or immoral thoughts or someone having those about you?
11. The tenth truth you learned what the Bible says about how earth is different from heaven is: In heaven there is no deceit or lying. Read Revelation 21:8c from your sermon notes under point 10 under the heading, *"How Is*

¹http://hirr.hartsem.edu/research/fastfacts/fast_facts.html#numcong.

Earth Different From Heaven?” What would it be like for you to live in a place where everyone, including yourself, always told the truth? Where there is no guile, no deceit and no lying?

12. Pastor Kelly gave in the sermon “An Alphabet from A-to-Z of What Will Not Be In Heaven.” Take a moment. Get a sheet of paper and write down for yourself at least one word that expresses that for you for each letter of the alphabet. Once completed, go back and look over it. Of those 26 listings, pick the top 3 for you and then the top 1. Why did you pick these?
13. There are two things you will not be able to do in heaven: share your faith with unbelievers about the Lord because they will not be there and sin. Read Matthew 28:19 and Luke 19:10 from your sermon notes under point #10 under the heading, *“How Is Earth Different From Heaven?”*
 - a. Jesus makes it clear that He had one goal, one item on His agenda: to seek and save the lost. If you had to list an agenda list of priorities, where does this come on your list? — #1, #5, #10, Not there at all?
 - b. Jesus’s last command to us was everywhere we go during our daily life to be intentional in sharing the difference He makes in our lives. How intentional are you in doing this?
14. You learned three important things that you are going to do in heaven. First, you will be rejoined with those who gave their life to Christ. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:17a from your sermon notes under point #1 under the heading, *“Three Important Things You Definitely Are Going To Do In Heaven.”*
 - a. For the next few moments, make a list of both family, friends and others that you have lost that you know gave their life to Jesus Christ. Now — for a moment — imagine them coming up to you. What do you think that will be like for you?
 - b. For the next few moments, make a list of people from Scripture, from history, from life and etc. that have died and you know they gave their life to Christ. Now prioritized that list. Who are your top 5. Why? And what would you ask them?
15. You learned three important things that you are going to do in heaven. Second, you will be rewarded for our faithfulness, obedience and service to Christ. Read Matthew 10:42, John 12:26 and Hebrews 10:35 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, *“Three Important Things You Definitely Are Going To Do In Heaven.”* What do these passages tell you?
 - a. Salvation in heaven and rewards in heaven are two different things. Salvation is by grace. The rewards are the things that God’s going to give back to you for the things that you earned for doing good things in life, that you made your life count. You see, you can waste your life, and there are a lot of ways to do it, or you can spend your life, there are a lot of ways to do that, or you can invest your life. The greatest use of life is to invest it in that which will outlast it. And that’s called living in light of eternity. How committed are you to do this and what is the evidence to substantiate it?
 - b. Did you know that because God is a good God, that your heavenly Father has an inheritance for you in heaven, and that inheritance has been building interest for a long, long time? Read Colossians 3:24, 1 Peter 1:4 and Matthew 25:34 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, *“Three Important Things You Definitely Are Going To Do In Heaven.”* What do these passages tell you? What impact does it have on you knowing that even before God created the first thing in this universe, He already had an inheritance personalized just for you?
16. You learned three important things that you are going to do in heaven. Third, you will be assigned work that we enjoy doing.
 - a. Read Matthew 25:21 from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *“Three Important Things You Definitely Are Going To Do In Heaven.”* This passage emphasizes that we will be assigned tasks to do based on how faithful we were to utilize every gift, talent, ability, your money and wealth, your energy, your intellect and etc. God has given you. It is not about how much of these you have, but what how effectively and consistently and intentionally you are using them for God’s glory? How would you rate yourself on this?
 - b. Read James 4:14 from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *“Three Important Things You Definitely Are Going To Do In Heaven.”* This passage says that when we compare our lives to how long eternity is, we are nothing but a vapor or a mist — here for one nanosecond and gone the next.
 - c. Read 2 Timothy 2:12a from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *“Three Important Things You Definitely Are Going To Do In Heaven.”* What hardships are you enduring here for Christ?
 - d. Read Revelation 22:3-5 from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *“Three Important Things You Definitely Are Going To Do In Heaven.”* What do you think it means “we will reign with Christ?”