

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

THE REALITY OF HEAVEN...

1. INVITES ME TO DREAM

Will I have a body in Heaven?

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:47-49 (ESV)

Will I recognize people?

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 8:11 (NIV)

Will I go there immediately?

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43 (NIV)

Will I know everything?

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV)

Where is Heaven?

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

Revelation 21: 2-3 (NIV)

2. EMPOWERS ME TO LIVE

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33 (NIV)

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT)

3. REQUIRES ME TO MAKE A DECISION

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" and let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes to take the free gift of the water of life. Revelation 22:17 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

THIS WEEK'S READING:

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OCT 23: 1 THESS. 2:1-16; ISA. 14-16; PS. 113

OCT 24: 1 THESS. 2:17-3:13; ISA. 17-19; PS. 114

OCT 25: 1 THESS. 4; ISA. 20-22; PS. 115

OCT 26: 1 THESS. 5; ISA. 23-24; PS. 116

OCT 27: 2 THESS. 1; ISA. 25-26; PS. 117

OCT 28: 2 THESS. 2; ISA. 27-28; PS. 118

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