

Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

1 Peter 2:11 (NKJV)

- Don't be discouraged by trouble.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NKJV)

- Focus my energy on what will last.

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14 (NKJV)

Question: Are you living your life in light of eternity?

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SERMON SERIES: ETERNITY IS FOR REAL

TODAY'S SERMON: HEAVEN IS FOR REAL

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 6:20, JOHN 14:2, AND SELECTED (NKJV)

Life is real, death is real, and heaven is real.

FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN

1 What is heaven?

- Heaven is where God lives and rules.

Unto You I lift up my eyes,
O You who dwell in the heavens.

Psalms 123:1 (NKJV)

- Heaven is a real place.

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:20 (NKJV)

In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:2 (NKJV)

- Heaven was designed for Us.

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Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
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Matthew 25:34 (NKJV)
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2 Where is heaven?

- It's out of this world.

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God looks down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there are *any* who understand, who seek God.
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Psalms 53:2 (NKJV)
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3 What is heaven like?

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But as it is written:

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV)
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FIVE THINGS THAT WON'T BE IN HEAVEN

1. sickness
2. sadness
3. suffering
4. sin
5. death

FIVE THINGS THAT WILL BE IN HEAVEN

1. reunion
2. rewards
3. responsibilities
4. rest
5. rejoicing



4 How do I get to heaven?

- A. I admit.
- B. I believe.
- C. I confess.
- D. I depend.

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
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Romans 1:16a (NKJV)
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For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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Romans 6:23 (NKJV)
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that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
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Romans 10:9 (NKJV)
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For "*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*"
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Romans 10:13 (NKJV)
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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
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John 3:16 (NKJV)
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Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
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John 14:6 (NKJV)
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5 How should I live if I'm going to heaven?

- Don't be distracted by temptation.