



# MOUNTAIN OF FIRE AND MIRACLES MINISTRIES

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## WE WRESTLE (Part 2)

### LECTURE 4- THE HEAVENS AND THE ELEMENTS

**MEMORY VERSE:** Hebrew 4:14- *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."*

**TEXTS:** John 14:1-3, Hebrew 12:22-23

**INTRODUCTION:** Typically, heaven is characterized as a place of unsurpassable joy. And Jesus Christ our Saviour, categorically state that heaven is real. Jesus spoke on this subject deeply and declared that He would prepare a place for us in heaven.

**WHAT DO WE MEAN BY HEAVEN?** Heaven is clearly seen in the scripture as an actual place. It is not just a feeling or state of mind (1 Cor. 2:9).

#### OTHER WORDS USED FOR HEAVEN IN THE BIBLE

1. Father's house - John 14:2
2. Heavenly country - Heb. 11:13, 16
3. The kingdom of God - Luke 13:27-28
4. Paradise - 2 Cor. 12:4, Luke 23:43
5. A city built by God - Heb. 11:10
6. Heaven is a place of reward - Matt. 5:12
7. Heaven is a place where there is no corruption - Matt. 6:20
8. Heaven is a place of pleasure - 1 Cor. 2:9; Ps. 16:11
9. Heaven is a place of joyful worship - Rev. 15:4
10. Heaven is a place of illumination - Rev. 21:23
11. Heaven is a place of holy companionship - 2 Cor. 5:8; Matt. 28:20
12. Heaven is a place of reunion with loved ones - 1 Thess 4:15-17
13. Heaven is a resting place - Heb. 4:3-11
14. Heaven is a residing place - Ps. 11:4, Rev. 4:1-5
15. Heaven is the dwelling place of God - Luke 23:43
16. Heaven is a place where there is no night - Rev. 21:25

17. Heaven is a place where there will be no sin - Rev. 21:27
18. Heaven is a place where there is no more separation - Rev. 21:1
19. Heaven is a place where there will be no more tears - Rev. 7:17
20. Heaven is a place where there is no more curse - Rev. 22:3
21. Heaven is a place of joyful service - Rev. 22:3

#### THREE TYPES OF HEAVEN

If there is a third heaven then, there must be a first and a second heaven - 2 Cor. 12:2.

1. **The first heaven**-The firmament, the immediate sky the atmospheric heaven - Gen. 6:7, James 5:18, Gen. 7:11, Gen. 1:14, Ps. 78:23.
2. **The second heaven**-It is the heaven in which the sun, moon and stars are fixed. It refers to the outer space where the power of darkness resides - Matt. 24:29, Ps. 19:4-6.
3. **The third heaven**- This is where God dwells, the holy angels and the spirits of the just men dwell here. The third heaven is also referred to as the heaven of heavens - 1 Kings 8:27, Ps. 148:4, Heb. 8:1.

## BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION OF HEAVEN

John tries to describe this city based on what he saw, let us look at some of his graphical description.

1. It size - Rev. 21:15-17
2. The wall: A clear jasper - Rev. 21:18
3. The city: Pure gold - Rev. 21:18
4. The foundation: All manner of precious stones- Rev. 21:19
  - a. Jasper - Clear
  - b. Sapphire - Clear blue
  - c. Chalcedony - Yellowish green
  - d. Emerald - Deep green
  - e. Sardonyx - White layers of red
  - f. Sardius - Fiery red
  - g. Chrysdyte - Golden yellow
  - h. Beryl - Sea cream
  - i. Topaz - Greenish yellow
  - j. Chrysoprasus - Golden green
  - k. Jacinth - Violet
  - l. Amethyst - Purple
5. The gates - Gigantic peals
6. The street - Transparent gold

## EXAMPLES OF MEN WHO VISITED HEAVEN

1. Paul - 2 Cor. 12:2-4
2. John the Apostle - Rev. 4:1-5, 14
3. Abraham - Heb. 11:9-16
4. Moses - Heb. 11:24
5. David - 2 Sam. 12:23
6. Jesus Christ - John 14:2-3, Phil. 3:20-21
7. The redeemed people - John 3:3
8. Righteous people - Rev. 21:27; Rom. 4:24
9. Holy and Sinless - Rev. 21:27
10. Rejoicing people - Rev. 5:9-14; Rev. 4:6-11

## THE ELEMENTS OF HEAVEN- John 38:33

There are three major elements in the heaven: the sun, the star and the moon.

### THE SUN

1. The sun is personified as having a character and nature of a strong man - Ps. 19:4-6
2. The sun as an element provided support for Joshua - Joshua 10:12-14
3. The sun has the capacity to smite - Ps. 121:6

4. Many religions in the world are connected to the sun.

### THE MOON

During the full moon, it has been established that there are more cases of: -

1. Cases of rape
2. Increase in lunacy
3. Cases of wife beating
4. Increase in war
5. Cases of menstrual cycle problems in women-Isa.30:26.

### THE STAR

1. They are more than physical elements, they have spiritual roles.
2. This element regulates the affairs of the earth from heaven - Judges 5:20.

### FUNCTIONS OF THESE ELEMENTS

1. To divide the day from the night
2. To be for signs - Matt. 2:1-2
3. To be for season - Eccl 3:1, Ps. 104:14
4. To be for years
5. To be for days - Ps. 19:1-3
6. To rule over the day - Ps. 136:7-8
7. To give light upon this earth
8. To rule over the night - Ps. 136:9

**CONCLUSION:** This is our greatest hope that no matter how long we stay here, we shall spend eternity in heaven. A man can die in sickness and still go to heaven, a man can die in poverty and still make heaven but no man can die in sin and go to heaven. Rev. 20:15: **"And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lack of fire."**

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Elemental forces in the heavenlies corporate with my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
2. Whether the devil likes it or not, I will make heaven, in Jesus' name.