**Let’s Talk About Heaven**

(Revelation 21:1-4 KJV)

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here is a story told before World War II, that there was a radio news broadcaster by the name of H. V. Kaltenborn who begun broadcasting for CBS in 1929. He always began his news broadcast with the wonderful words, "Well, we've got good news today!" And that is the way I would like to start this sermon from the book of Revelation. I have good news for you today! In this chapter the genocidal, geographical, and generational judgments are past; and the terrible plagues upon the earth has been brought to the at ease position. And now—we begin with a view of heaven coming down to earth; a time when the prayers of God's people for centuries has recited, "*Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*," will be answered.

Ironically, chapters 21 and 22 contain nearly all the biblical records concerning the eternal state. Most of the prophetic passages of the Old Testament that picture a time of great blessing on earth refer to the thousand year reign of our Lord which precedes this last great event. Very little is said in the Old Testament about heaven. But here it is in these chapters—following the Great White Throne judgment, that's recorded in Chapter 20, that John sees a whole new creation leap into action.

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What beautiful words! This chapter brings us full circle, to the beginning of the Bible again. Where Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Now that's the old heavens and the old earth." They shall pass away, as we are told, but a new heavens and a new earth are coming.

Now let's be honest "Heaven is a literal and logical place and the Apostle John bears witness to it—so I begin this sermon with at least two statements that I believe to be almost universally true: Surprisely, everyone wants to know about heaven and everyone wants to go there. Recent polls suggest that nearly 80% of all Americans believe there is a place called heaven. I find that statistic encouraging because it tells me that even in this secluded and skeptical age there is something deep inside the human heart that cries out, “There’s got to be something more out there supernaturally controlling this world.

1. **The Geographies Of Heaven:**

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**"There Are Three Heavens"**

What do I mean when I exercise the term “heaven” in this Geographical discussion? The Bible speaks of three heavens, and they are all different from one another (2 Corinthians 12:1–4). The **"first heaven"** is one about which all of us on earth are very well acquainted—because it simply means the atmosphere. This is where God's master piece resides—also this is where the birds and the clouds are found in the first heaven. This is the “heaven” into which Elijah was taken when he left Elisha (2 Kings 2:1). We know that Elijah did not go into the third heaven (the heaven of God’s throne) because Jesus explicitly taught that no man before his time had ever gone into the heaven where God had his throne (John 3:13).