

**Title:** The Glory of Heaven

**Passage:** John 17:24-26

**Introduction:**

Question: What will be the glory of heaven?

**Context of Passage:**

- Jesus' prayer hours before the crucifixion

John 17:20-23

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

**Passage:** John 17:24-26

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**EXPOSITION**

**Jesus Prayer Request:**

*Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am,*

John 14:2-3

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Ephesians 1:4

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Colossians 3:2-4

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The glory of heaven is Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Question: What is in heaven?**

- Our Father

Matthew 6:9

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

- Our fellow believers through the centuries
- Our names

Luke 10:20

Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

- Our citizenship

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

- Our inheritance

1 Peter 1:4

to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

- Our eternal rewards

Matthew 5:12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- Our Savior, Jesus Christ

Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Question: How do we get to heaven?**

- through Jesus Christ

Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**Question: What is happening in heaven?**

- Jesus is praying for us!

Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Hebrews 7:25

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

High Priestly Prayer - John 17

- preview of Jesus ministry of intercession
- Jesus prays for our:
  - Eternal security
  - Joy
  - Safety

- Sanctity/Purity
- Unity
- Eternal destiny
  - “may be with me where I am”

**Question: Who will be in heaven?**

- those called by God

***you have given me (v. 24)***

- We are God the Father’s chosen love gifts to God the Son

John 17:2

since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

John 17:6

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

John 17:9

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:11

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

- What gives us value? God’s love for us.

Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

***where I am***

- Jesus wants us to be where He is.
- The promise of salvation for everyone who believes in Jesus: we will be in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 2:9

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

**Application**

***Set your mind on Christ***

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

***Set Christ apart as Lord***

1 Peter 3:15

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

***Treasure Christ***

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

***Share Christ***

Mark 16:15

And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Song: “Give Me Jesus”

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