

## HEAVEN

*Where the King is*

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**Acts 1:11** *"Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, **will come back** in the same way you have seen him go into Heaven."*

**Colossians 3:1-3** *Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, **keep seeking** the things that **are above**, where **Christ is**, seated at the right hand of God. **Set your minds** on the things that are above, **not on the things** that are on earth. For you have died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God**. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then **you also will be revealed with Him in glory**.*

What is your heart, your ambition, your life **SET ON**?

If it is anything other than being with God in heaven, it is the **wrong thing**.

**On Earth:** We should seek to live **ON EARTH** as if we're **IN HEAVEN**.

It is hard to **DESIRE** what you can't **DESCRIBE**.

**IMAGINATION** without the right **INFORMATION** can lead to wrong **EXPECTATIONS**..

**Luke 19:9-26** *"Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to **seek** and to **save** the lost."*

*While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was **near Jerusalem** and the people thought that **the kingdom of God was going to appear at once**. He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas.<sup>[a]</sup> 'Put this money to work,' he said, '**until I come back**.'*

*"But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'*

*"He was made king, however, and **returned home**. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.*

*"He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone **who has, more will be given**, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But **those enemies of mine** who did **not want me to be king over them**—bring them here and **kill them in front of me.**'"*

**Luke 19:28-38** *After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem...*

*"Blessed is **the king** who comes **in the name of the Lord!**"*

*"Peace in **heaven** and glory in the highest!"*

*"He endured death as a **lamb**; He devoured it as a **lion.**"*  
— St. Augustine

*"I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion."*  
— Alexander the Great

Would you be ready **TODAY** if Jesus came back?

**Revelation 22:12-15** *"Look, I am coming soon! **My reward** is with me, and I will give to each person **according to what they have done.** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. **Outside** are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."*

**Invitation:** We should be *ready* at all times for the King's *return* and look forward to the *rewards* he has for us if we live for him.

**Warning:** If we live our lives *opposed* to God now, then we'll live forever *outside* His kingdom.

**In Heaven:** The **PLACE** you were made for, the **PERSON** you were meant to be, and God's **PRESENCE** you long for, will all be together.