

Dwelling in the Father's House

Psalm 23 ❖ John 14:1-7

“It is good for us to know, as certainly as David did, that we belong to the Lord. There is no ‘if’ nor ‘but,’ not even ‘I hope so.’ David says, ‘The Lord is my shepherd.’ We must cultivate this same spirit of assured dependence upon our heavenly Father.”

(Charles H. Spurgeon)

Is There a Heaven?

Immortality is a universal belief in every culture and time.

According to the Pew Research Center, **72%** of Americans believe in heaven, while **58%** believe in hell.

The number of Americans who **say** they don't believe in life after death has grown over the past few decades.

It's been said that there are no **atheists** in foxholes.

“God has set **eternity** in the hearts of men” (Ecc 3:11).

Belief in heaven is in our **DNA**.

How Do You Get to Heaven?

60% of Americans believe all good people go to heaven.

How good is good enough?

When the disciple Thomas asked Jesus for **directions** to heaven, Jesus said, “**I** am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father **except** through Me” (John 14:6).

In the 23rd Psalm, David is a **lost** sheep who has been found and brought home by a shepherd.

Jesus said, “I am the **gate** for the sheep; whoever enters through Me will be **saved**” (Jn 10:9).

What Is Heaven Like?

The Bible teaches that heaven is a “**place**” (Jn 14:2c).

One metaphor the Bible uses for heaven is house, specifically “the house of the **Lord**” (Ps 23:6), “the Father's house” (Jn 14:2a).

Jesus said He has prepared a **room** for us in heaven. (Jn 14:2a)

Jesus said **He** will be with us in heaven. (Jn 14:3).

Heaven is a home where death, disappointment, anger, and sin **cannot** come in.

David said, “I will **dwell** in the house of the Lord **forever**” (Ps 23:6b).

Am I Going to Heaven?

Is it possible to “affirm (along with David) without the least shadow of presumption or fear, ‘I **will** dwell in the house of the Lord forever’”? (“The Shepherd Psalm,” F. B. Meyer, 193)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish but have **eternal** life” (Jn 3:16).

Don't you want heaven to be your eternal **address**?