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## WEEK FOUR – HEAVEN

1. When you hear the word Heaven, what is the first thing that you think about?
2. How would you describe Heaven to someone who was not yet a Christ follower?
3. If you could have any question about Heaven or eternal life answered *right now*, what would it be?

The wonders of Heaven are impossible to fully grasp or completely understand. And *all* of us have a lot of questions that remain unanswered. Our best reference point though is the truth about Heaven that the Bible gives us.

### Read John 14:1-7

4. In ancient Judaism once a young bride had accepted her bridegroom's marriage proposal, he would return to his father's house to build a bridal chamber for them. And the bridegroom would continue to prepare a place for his bride until his father told him it was time to return and eagerly receive her. In the Bible Christ is sometimes referred to as the Bridegroom and we are his bride. What do you think about this beautiful picture as it relates to what you read in the above verses in John's Gospel and what Jesus is doing for us in Heaven?
5. How do we know the way to Heaven? The Apostle Thomas even asked this same question of Jesus. How did Jesus answer? (see v. 6.)

### Read Revelation 4:1-11

6. How does the apostle John describe his first glimpse of Heaven?
7. Have you ever imagined God sitting on a throne? If you did, how does your imagination compare with John's descriptions here?
8. There is another description of God's throne and the living creatures or cherubim who surround it in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel 1:4-28. What additional information do these passages describe for you that you didn't learn in Revelations 4?

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## Read Revelation 5:8.

9. Have you ever wondered if God hears your prayers in Heaven? Psalm 141:2 says “let my prayer be as incense offered before you.” In Heaven our prayers are like a sweet smelling fragrance to our Father as they rise like incense before Him. Your prayers are desirable to God. What is something that you want to offer up to God in prayer?

## Read & discuss your favorite quote below about Heaven.

*“My home is in Heaven. I’m just traveling through this world.”* Billy Graham

*“Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.”* Thomas Moore

*“It is not darkness you are going to, for God is light. It is not lonely, for Christ is with you. It is not unknown country, for Christ is there.”* Charles Kingsley

*“He whose head is in Heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave.”* Matthew Henry

*“For a small reward, a man will hurry away on a long journey; while for eternal life, many will hardly take a single step.”* Thomas Kempis

## NEXT STEPS

You do not have to wait until you get to Heaven to have eternal life. John 17:3 tells us that we can have it starting now by getting to know Jesus. Spend some time this week in reading the Bible, talking to God, & offering up your prayers as a sweet gift to God.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Day 1: Psalm 33:13-15**

**Day 2: John 14:1-7**

**Day 3: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Day 4: 1 Cor 15:35-49**

**Day 5: 1 Cor 15:50-58**

**Day 6: Isaiah 25:8-9**

**Day 7: Revelation 21:3-7**