

HEAVEN - JUST A SELFISH DREAM?

Message Notes ~ October 14, 2007

1. WHY IS HEAVEN ECLIPSED?

❖ Preoccupation with _____ life.

"I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far." Philippians 1.23

❖ Distortion of the _____ life.

"I don't think, friends, that I need to deal with the question of when all this is going to happen. You know as well as I that the day of the Master's coming can't be posted on our calendars. He won't call ahead and make an appointment any more than a burglar would. About the time everybody's walking around complacently, congratulating each other—'We've sure got it made! Now we can take it easy!'—suddenly everything will fall apart. . . ." 1 Thessalonians 5.1-3 (The Message)

❖ Inattention to the _____ life.

2. WORD PICTURES FOR HEAVEN

❖ A _____

"So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory, it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." 1 Corinthians 15.42-44

❖ A _____

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14.2-3

❖ A _____

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready." Revelation 19.7-8

❖ A _____

"To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne." Revelation 3.21

❖ A _____

"And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." 1 Peter 5.4

3. THE DIFFERENCE HEAVEN MAKES

"If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men." 1 Corinthians 15.19

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3.2

❖ It will have a profound effect on your _____.

❖ It will have a profound effect on the way you view _____.

❖ A totally different perspective on _____.

RECOMMENDED READING

Stowell, Joseph M., Eternity, Moody Press, ISBN 0-913367-30-3