

TIME WITH GOD

DAILY CONVERSATIONS: Eternal Mindset

OPENING QUESTION:

- What do you think heaven is like?

There are many people who have many different answers to what heaven may be like. Some will say the streets in heaven are made of gold. Others might talk about big palaces, or a place that needs no sun because Jesus is its light. There are a lot of ideas; there are a lot of guesses, but when you get down to it—no one really knows what heaven is like.

The Bible uses many different word pictures, or descriptions, to try to let us know that heaven is a wonderful place. But, we can't truly understand what God is trying to tell us. Heaven is too wonderful for us to understand.

- Do you know anyone who is in heaven now?

Jesus talked a lot about heaven while he was on earth. Today's Bible passage is only one example of what Jesus said about heaven. (Reread the passage.) Jesus talks about heaven being God's house, a house with many rooms. Think about all the people who are going to be in heaven. Go all the way back to Adam and Eve and all the people in the Old Testament and the New Testament. Then think about all the people that you know, your friends, your family, your staff—everyone who loves and believes in Jesus, since the beginning of the earth. It sounds as if God has one really, really big house!

Well, maybe it's not really a house. Jesus might just be telling us that no matter how many people believe, there will be plenty of room for them in heaven. It can never be too full, and no one who believes in Jesus will be turned away. Jesus also tells us that he is going to make a place just for us and that he is going to come back to take us there.

That is really special!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What do you believe about heaven?
- Do you believe that you will live in heaven with Jesus some day?

FOCUS VERSE:

“There are many rooms in my Father's house [heaven]. If this were not true, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am.”

- JOHN 14:2-3 NLRV

NOTES:

We cannot know exactly what heaven is like. But we can know that Jesus has promised to make room for us in heaven, and Jesus has promised he will come back for us when the time is right. Heaven must be a wonderful place, because we will all be there together with Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for making room for us in heaven with you. Thank you that because of your expansive love for all of us, you save us from our sins and we will be with you in heaven. Help us believe in the promises that Jesus has made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.