

08292021 ****In the seventh dimension, you have access to the possible worlds that start with different initial conditions.** Whereas in the fifth and sixth, the initial conditions were the same and subsequent actions were different, here, everything is different from the very beginning of time. **A dimension is simply a different facet of reality whether we perceive it or not** *this dimension is unlike ours in ways ...with a different beginning, and physical properties... yet similar in ways...*

as Christians we are well acquainted with this dimension...404 times in the bible Heaven is mentioned and 238 of those in the New Testament.... and the vast majority refer to the abode of God, his angels and his saints..... in contrast 14 times Hell is mentioned... 5 times Hades is mentioned.... the seventh dimension!

This dimension called heaven is so comprehensive we will need a few weeks to break down some of its components... so today I want to share some of what we know about it biblically because Scripture tells us it is important for us to set our hearts...emotions...and minds ...our reasoning on this...

COL 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

- **What are the things Paul says to set our minds on?? That which is above...namely heaven and the abode of God and the throne of Jesus... the home of angels and saints..not on our earthly troubles**
- **Why is this? The more we know about the destination...the more we long for it... the destination is so incredibly stunning to our senses, and the reunion with our loved ones and others, the interacting with angels so unbelievable and by far the best is literally being with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.. it becomes hardly worth mentions the hassles, trials and troubles on the journey there....**
- **Our present problem is that we often spend so much time dealing with the problems on the way there and often know so little of the**

destination...that it all seems like a big hassle ...sometimes to much of a hassle....

- When we really begin to understand the barely describable beauty of heaven....and the final destination of the new earth and heaven combined and really, really realize we will see and be with God and Jesus and the Holy spirit...and be again with our loved ones....we will say like Paul...
- Point one troubles are worth it...

2CO 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. (because of the difficulty of the journey) Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

- those troubles on the way to heaven are light (well worth it and can be carried) for the destination far outweighs the trouble along the way to it....
- and are achieving for us glory...they will bless us...

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- You see the hassle of this life is totally mitigated because the joy of being in the presence of my passed on loved one and the Lord and all the others angels and people in history the problems entailed in getting there seem less overwhelming.....not to mention the beauty and history of that country...
- And not only that ...Jesus keeps track of the journey and reimburses us for all the costs...

NLT Matt 25: 14 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. ¹⁵ He gave five bags of

silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

Jump to 19 *“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ 21 “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ 22 “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ 23 “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’”*

- **So God gives us treasures...time, skills, and money and expects us to increase them, manage them, be creative....develop skill... on earth ..so as to use what we have learned in heaven...and eventually the restored earth!**

Matt 5:29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

- **So We have something to give the world now which in turn gains us treasures to be used in Heaven!**

^{MT 6: 19} “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

- **where you build treasure ...shows where you heart or the seat of your attachments are... and how do we do this...**

*EPH 6: 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, ⁸ because you **know that the Lord will reward everyone** for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.*

*COL 3: ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a **reward**. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

- **What do we do to serve God...simply love him and love others...love is demonstrated by service....Jesus served us we serve others....the currency of heaven is service...**
- **And Jesus did not leave us on our own ...he built into us skills..**
The Apostle Paul says...

EPH 2: ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- **Listen God has prepared good works for us to do...we have to prepare ourselves to do them! That is a process...part of that process is in the actual doing ... by serving we add value to people...we let them know they are valuable...**
- **Your satisfaction in life will come from your place in adding value to others by serving them...**
- **And Anybody can be more successful in this life...Because anybody can serve... so what to do?**
- **Serve with what you possess...we all have twenty four hours a day.. give some time to service...tithes to serviceadopt this mindset: and the following things will happen I'll help the world be a better place.**
- **I'll learn more as I help people....I get to expand my skill set as I grow in service....Think about what it is that I do well that I can**

share with others. **You will receive back greater than what you gave!...YOU WILL Progressively grow into this kind of person:**

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control....

- **Spirit produces this fruit in us... but it is only produced in service to others! And as it is produced we add value to people...How? people eat of that fruit...and are blessed...the fruit we produce is not for us it is for others..**
- **but not only that...There will also be a continuation of our earthly cultures, who we are here who they were...continues to be who we are in Heaven ... minus sin and in complete unity...**
- *Rev 7:9 After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.*
- **So we are busy in heaven...with all kinds of new and interesting people...in complete peace love and unity**
- **We are also reunited with loved ones from old Earth three scriptural examples...there are more...**

*NLT 1 Thess 4:13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. ¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. **they will have received resurrected bodies***

NIV LK 9:28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying,

*the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.³⁰ Two men, **Moses** and **Elijah**,³¹ appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory **and the two men standing with him**.³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for **Moses** and one for **Elijah**." (He did not know what he was saying.)*

- **Moses and Elijah...appeared in glorious, physical bodies although Moses died and was buried... Elijah was taken up to heaven in whirlwind bodily.....**
- **yet they both appeared in physical form... How do we know? Peter wanted to build them a house... and they were standing...not floating like a spirit**
- **Moses and Elijah...spoke to Jesus about things..they spoke with some knowledge of things taking place and about to take place on the earth...**

And when Jesus was crucified... many people resurrected and then went to heaven

ESV MT 27: ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

these people were aware of the day....they received resurrected bodies...yet appeared to people, out of thin air...

- **interacted with people on the earth....then apparently went to heaven.. the similarity between heaven and earth is evident while also having different properties!**
- **the resurrected Christ and other resurrected people...and people who have not yet received their resurrected bodies...there are similarities to earth and mind blowing heavenly differences...all working together...**

HEB 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

- **the witnesses surrounding us...witness means someone who is spectating... they are involved though not in the game here...but very much there..... observing...watching...praying...working creatively, using gifts they have honed, receiving rewards they have earned previously on earth. while they are busy in Heaven... so get busy on earth...what you do here counts there! end**

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1PE 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you,

