



**Pamagat:** Ang Mga Katotohanan ng Langit Ayon sa Biblia

**Bible Text:** 2 Cor. 12:2 “I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **third** heaven.”

*Pagsasalin:* Kilala ko ang isang lalaki kay Cristo, mayroon nang labing-apat na taon ang nakakaraan, (kung nasa katawan man, o kung nasa labas ng katawan, hindi ko alam; ang Diyos ang nakakaalam) dinala sa ikatlong langit.

**Panimula:**

1. The word heaven is mentioned in the Bible 551 X; but when the cognates are added it blows up to 691 X.
2. There are three kinds of heavens referenced in the Word of God.
  - A. Atmospheric Heaven – Firmament (expanse) of the Air – (fowl of the air – Gen. 2:19, 7:23 – fowl of the heaven; eagles of the heaven in Lam. 4:19).
  - B. “Asteric” Heaven - Firmament of the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars – (Deut. 17:3; Jer. 8:2; Matt. 24:29).  
- the purpose of this firmament is to bring glory to God (Ps. 19:1).
  - C. Heaven of Heavens – the abode of God – (Deut. 10:14; 1 Kings 8:27; Ps. 115:16).

**I. Heaven is a Real, Physical Place –**

- A. Jesus said so: Jn. 14:2 – “Father’s House” – “a place” of family living.
- B. Paul said so: 2 Cor. 12:2 – “Paradise” – a garden park. – better than what we could ever imagine.
- C. John said so: Rev. 4:2 – “a Throne” – a realm of power and authority; but this throne was surrounded by an emerald rainbow (symbolizing eternal, and fresh, promise of divine mercy); and before this throne was a sea of glass like unto crystal.
- D. Stephen said so: Acts 7:55-56 – “I see the heavens opened” – and He saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God – the Lord Jesus is standing ready to assist, ready to comfort everyone who is willing to suffer for His sake.
- E. God said so: Gen. 1:1 – The Heaven and the Earth.
- F. There is a Heaven within the Heavens – Rev. 3:12; 21:2 – The Holy City, the New Jerusalem.
  - F.1. It is a perfect cube. (1,400 miles long, high, and wide) – “the most holy place”
  - F.2. Over America: From New York City to Denver, Colorado and from Canada to Florida.
  - F.3. 14 times the combined surface of the entire earth (land and water area).
  - F.4. 40 Billion people could easily be accommodated upon the first, foundational floor.
  - F.5. 396,000 stories (20 ft. per story) each story as big as half of the USA.

**II. Heaven is a Family Place –**

- A. God dwells in heaven as a family – a Triune “Family” - Father, Son, and Spirit.
- B. (Matt. 8:11) – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob are a family in the kingdom of heaven.
- C. David said: 2 Sam. 12:23 - But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.
- D. At the Mount of Transfiguration: Peter recognized Moses and Elijah.
- E. Our departed loved ones know when a sinner has repented and believes on Jesus – because they rejoice! (Lk. 15:10 – they are the ones rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God.)

**III. Heaven is Place We Ought to Labor for the Lord to Fill Up –**

- A. Biblically – Jesus always serves His disciples – the washing of feet; the miracles and healings; the casting the net on the other side; the preparing a supper for them; the preparing a place for them (Jn. 14) – It is always Jesus doing everything for His disciples BUT he left some things for us to do for Him...and one of them is “to fill His house” (Lk. 14:23) – He wants us to be His witnesses to bring souls to the city!
- B. Are you a witness for Jesus?

**IV. Heaven is Smaller than Hell –**

- A. Speaking of Heaven (eternal life) - Matt. 7:14; “few”; Matt. 22:13 “many” and “few”; Lk. 13:24.
- B. Speaking of Hell – Matt. 7:22; 7:13; Isa. 5:14;
- C. Our hope of entering Heaven when we die is to turn from sin and trust in Jesus as our Saviour!
- D. There’s room at the cross for you - - but you must call upon the name of the Lord and take Jesus!