

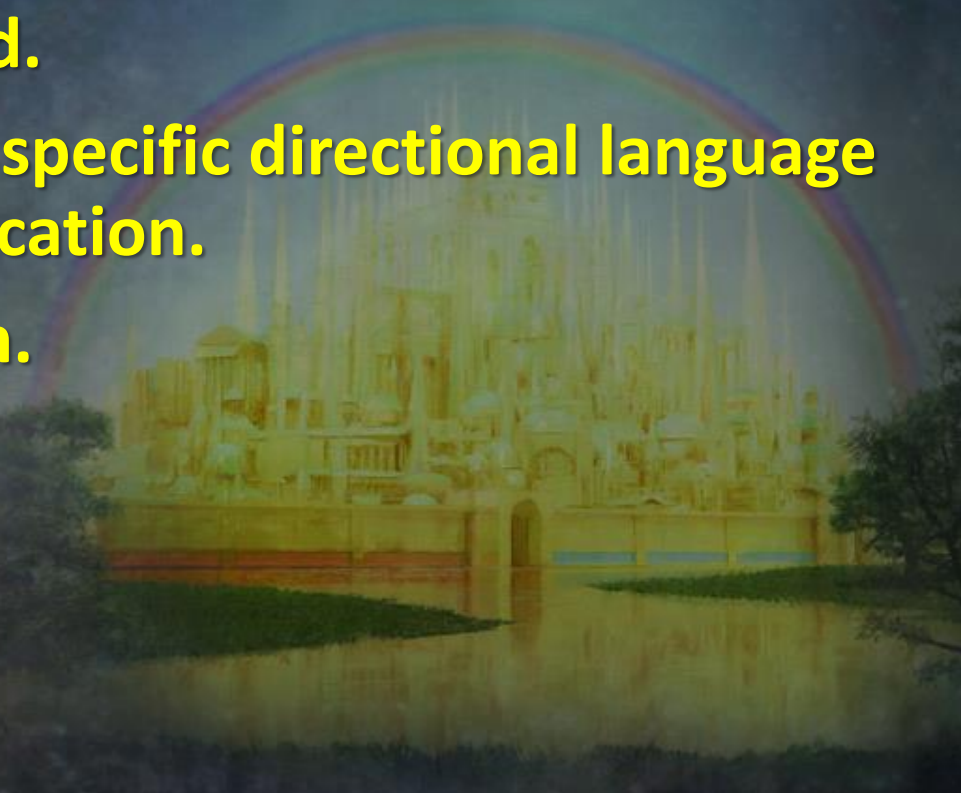


Is Heaven A Physical Place

Revelation 21, John 14

Location

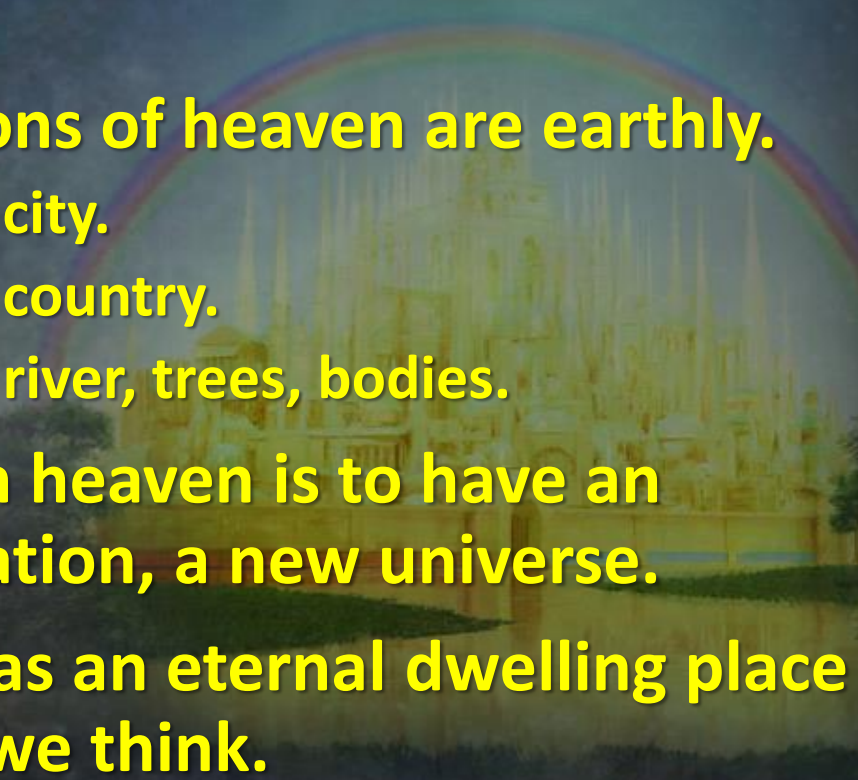
- The place where God resides is called Heaven.
- As the first and the second heaven are beside one another so is the third.
- Matthew 14:19 gives specific directional language regarding heaven's location.
- Heaven has a location.



The Resurrection

- Jesus lives in a physical resurrection body in heaven.
- His resurrection body and our subsequent resurrection bodies all indicate that heaven is a place.
- Man was not designed to live in a non-physical realm.
- Jesus went up into heaven in His resurrection body, from a place to a place.
- Christ, as a real human being, moved from the real earth into the real heaven.

There Is A Detailed Description of Heaven

- Not all language that is used in the Bible to describe heaven is figurative, an allegory, or a metaphor.
 - The biblical descriptions of heaven are earthly.
 - The Bible speaks of a city.
 - The Bible speaks of a country.
 - The Bible speaks of a river, trees, bodies.
 - God's ultimate goal in heaven is to have an entirely renewed creation, a new universe.
 - What heaven will be as an eternal dwelling place is more earthly than we think.
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God's Redemptive Plan

- The entire physical universe was created by God.
- God's redemptive plan was to redeem not just man but the whole of creation.
- God's plan of redemption is to restore everything that was good before sin came into the world.
- God has never given up on His original creation.
- Jesus came in a body, and His ministry was to the whole man.
- Our eternal existence will be an unending succession of moments.

Conclusion

- Does it matter whether heaven is a physical place or a spiritual place?
- God has used descriptions in the Bible to cause us to imagine what heaven is like.
- When we see earthly descriptions of heaven in the Bible, we ought to look at the corresponding realities on earth and imagine what this place would be like if it were not for sin.

