

# Sermon 3-01-09

## Heaven, Sermon #1

### What is heaven?

#### Scripture speaks of three different places referred to as heaven

- The atmospheric heaven (1<sup>st</sup> heaven) – sky above our heads (troposphere) – the atmosphere we breathe in and walk in today (Gen. 7:11-12).
- The planetary heaven (2<sup>nd</sup> heaven) – this is where the stars the moon and the planets are (Gen. 1: 14-17).
- The where God dwells heaven (3<sup>rd</sup> heaven) – This is where God dwells with His holy angels and those saints who have died. God is omnipresent so to say that God dwells there is not to say that He is contained there. It is uniquely His home, His center of operations. It is where His throne resides Isa. 57:15; 63:15; Ps 33:13-14; Sermon on the Mount; Mt. 7:11, 21; 10:32-33; 12:50).

The heaven we will be learning about and studying is, the Third Heaven, the heaven of heavens, the dwelling place of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, angels and where all true believers in Christ will dwell with Him for all

eternity. It heaven is a real place that can be seen and touched and inhabited by beings with material bodies. A real place where people with new bodies will dwell in God's presence for all eternity; and it is also a realm that surpasses our finite concept of what a "place" is.

### Heavenly Focused Hearts and Minds

#### Scriptures:

- Col 3:1-17
- 1 Jn 2:15-17
- Phil. 3:18-4:1
- Heb 11:10-16
- Eph 2:18-22
- Mk. 4:1-20
- 2 Pt 3:13-14
- Jn 1:12
- Mt. 6:19-24