

# Heaven

## *Lesson #1 "Are You Looking Forward to Heaven?"*

- Read Preface, Introduction and Chapters 1-2 and answer the following questions from pages XIII-22.

**John 14:1-3** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

- 1) Why does Alcorn believe his conclusions will hold up even if it departs from current Christian teachings?
  
- 2) What does God use suffering and impending death to accomplish in us?
  
- 3) What should energize and comfort us as we journey through this life?
  
- 4) How can Edwards fulfill his resolution, 'Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness, in the other world, as I possibly can?'
  
- 5) What has God promised in the next life to those who follow Jesus Christ?
  
- 6) What causes us to think so little about Heaven?
  
- 7) What did **A.J. Conyers** believe the 'North Star' of the last 2,000 years that governed society was?

- 8) What sources are people using to come to their conclusions of what Heaven is like?
- 9) What does the author believe is the cause of the people of God vague and uninspired view of Heaven?
- 10) How does Satan rob us of our joy and comfort of Heaven?
- 11) 'The disease of \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ us to God and \_\_\_\_\_, which are \_\_\_\_\_ yet unseen.'
- 12) What is another source of our misunderstanding of Heaven?
- 13) What happens when we surrender to naturalistic assumptions?
- 14) What should we fuel our imagination regarding Heaven with?
- 15) Where can we find a reliable source for our understanding of Heaven?

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

**Philippians 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**Philippians 1:23** For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.