

Heaven

Lesson #4 "Is the Present Heaven a Physical Place?"

- Read Chapters 6 and answer the following questions from pages 51-63.
- 1) Why are we so resistant to the idea that Heaven could be physical?
- 2) How did the church come to neglect the Biblical teaching of a resurrected Heaven and people?
- 3) What do the verses in Hebrews suggest regarding the blueprint of Earth?
- 4) What is the meaning of the word "*Paradise*" in **Luke 23:43**?
- 5) What does it mean to be fully human?
- 6) Why is our bodily resurrection an absolute necessity as recorded in **1 Corinthians 15:12-32**?
- 7) What is considered as a fundamental truth of the Christian faith?

- 8) What is the significance of Enoch and Elijah in this discussion?

- 9) What event sheds light on Moses and Elijah in reference to the present Heaven?

- 10) How can we know that Abraham, the rich man and Lazarus maintain their identity in **Luke 16**?

- 11) In the story of the rich man and Lazarus what would suggest they possibly possess transitional physical forms?

- 12) What is the problem of taking all of **Luke 16:19-31** in a strictly literal interpretation?

- 13) What is the problem of taking all of **Luke 16:19-31** in a strictly figurative interpretation?

- 14) Until the final resurrection what does Scripture teach us about those in the present Heaven and Hell?

Quote: “the hills and valleys of Heaven will be to those you now experience not as a copy is to an original, nor as a substitute is to the genuine article, but as the flower to the root, or the diamond to the coal.” **C.S. Lewis**

Quote: “Paradise was not generally understood as mere allegory, with a metaphorical or spiritual meaning, but as an actual physical place where God and His people lived together, surrounded by physical beauty, enjoying great pleasures and happiness.” **Randy Alcorn**