

# Heaven

## *Lesson #5 “False Assumptions, Literal and Figurative Interpretations”*

□ Read Appendixes A and B and answer the following questions from pages 475-492.

- 1) What was Plato’s view of the body in reference to the spirit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What is the philosophy of Christoplatonism?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What are the results of Christoplatonism’s influence in the church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What did Plato mean by ‘Soma sema’?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What does it mean to allegorize the Scriptures?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) Why does the plain meaning of Heaven not real to those with Platonic assumptions?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) “Often we \_\_\_\_\_ a striking \_\_\_\_\_ between what the texts \_\_\_\_\_  
said and \_\_\_\_\_ they are \_\_\_\_\_ understood.”

- 8) Why do we often not receive God's intended meaning in a given verse or passage?
- 9) What was the Scholastic writer's view of Heaven?
- 10) How did the Scholastic theologians come to interpret the Biblical text?
- 11) What did Aquinas faulty interpretation do to our understanding of Heaven?
- 12) What historical account helps us to understand our lives in the New Earth in **Revelation 21-22**?
- 13) What doctrine should guide us in our understanding of the eternal state?
- 14) What principle can help us whether to interpret a passage literally or figuratively?
- 15) How do we violate **Revelation 22:18-19** in 'taking away' or 'adding' to Scripture?