

Lifting Up Jesus
Lesson 16
“Heaven”

QUESTION #1

What do we become when we believe in Jesus for our salvation? John 1:12-13

John 1:12-13 NKJV

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the ^[a]right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

QUESTION #2

What does it mean to be a child of God? Romans 8:17; Galatians 4:7

Romans 8:17 NKJV

¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Galatians 4:7 NKJV

⁷Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir ^[a]of God ^[b]through Christ.

QUESTION #3

What is promised to Jesus, our brother, and to us as sons and daughters of God?

Hebrews 1:2

Hebrews 1:2 NKJV

²has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ^[a]worlds;

QUESTION #4

What did Christ promise He would prepare for His followers? John 14:1-3

John 14:1-3 NKJV

^{14:1} “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many ^[a]mansions; if *it were* not so, ^[b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And 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.

QUESTION #5

How does the Bible describe the place that God is preparing for us? 1 Corinthians 2:9

1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV

⁹ 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.”

QUESTION #6

What type of place is this to be? Hebrews 11:10, 16

Hebrews 11:10, 16 NKJV

¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

QUESTION #7

What is the name of this heavenly city? Revelation 21:2

Revelation 21:2 NKJV

² Then I, ^[a]John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

QUESTION #8

How does the Bible describe the New Jerusalem? Revelation 21:17-25

Revelation 21:17-25 NKJV

¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of **its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.** ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ **The twelve gates were twelve pearls:** each individual gate was of one pearl. And **the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.**

²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ **The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine ^[a]in it,** for the ^[b]glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations ^[c]of those who are saved shall walk in its light,

and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor ^[d]into it. ²⁵Its gates shall not be shut at all by day **(there shall be no night there)**.

QUESTION #9

What planet is to be the eternal home of God's children? Matthew 5:5

Matthew 5:5 NKJV

⁵Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the ^[a]earth.

QUESTION #10

From where did John say the New Jerusalem would come to this earth? Revelation 21:2-3, 10

Revelation 21:2-3, 10 NKJV

²Then I, ^[a]John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the ^[a]great city, the ^[b]holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

QUESTION #11

How will the earth be purified to receive this beautiful city? 2 Peter 3:10-13

2 Peter 3:10-13 NKJV

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be ^[a]burned up. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

QUESTION #12

How will the new earth differ from our earth today? Revelation 21:1; Isaiah 35:1; 60:18; 65:25; Revelation 7:16

Revelation 21:1 NKJV

21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

Isaiah 35:1 NKJV

35:1 The wilderness and the [a]wasteland shall be glad for them,
And the desert [b] shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

Isaiah 60:18 NKJV

18 Violence shall no longer be heard in your land,
Neither [a]wasting nor destruction within your borders;
But you shall call your walls Salvation,
And your gates Praise.

Isaiah 65:25 NKJV

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
And dust *shall be* the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,"
Says the Lord.

Revelation 7:16 NKJV

16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;

QUESTION #13

What does God promise He will do for those in heaven with Him? Revelation 21:4

Revelation 21:4 NKJV

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

QUESTION #14

What will be our status in heaven? Revelation 3:21

Revelation 3:21 NKJV

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

QUESTION #15

What will our bodies be like? Philippians 3:20-21

Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV

²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

QUESTION #16

What was Christ's body like? Luke 24:36-43

Luke 24:36-43 NKJV

³⁶ Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

⁴⁰ ^[a] When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish ^[b] and some honeycomb. ⁴³ And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

QUESTION #17

What will happen to family ties? Isaiah 65:23; 66:22

Isaiah 65:23 NKJV

²³ They shall not labor in vain,
Nor bring forth children for trouble;
For they *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the Lord,
And their offspring with them.

Isaiah 66:22 NKJV

²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth
Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the Lord,
"So shall your descendants and your name remain.

QUESTION #18

Will we continue to worship God on the Sabbath day? Isaiah 66:23

Isaiah 66:23 NKJV

²³ And it shall come to pass
That from one New Moon to another,

And from one Sabbath to another,
All flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the Lord.

QUESTION #19

What are some of the things that we will be doing in heaven? Isaiah 65:17-22

Isaiah 65:17-22 NKJV

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former shall not be remembered or ^[a]come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
And joy in My people;
The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.

²⁰ “No more shall an infant from there *live but a few days*,
Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days;
For the child shall die one hundred years old,
But the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit *them*;
They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
They shall not plant and another eat;
For as the days of a tree, so *shall be* the days of My people,
And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

QUESTION #20

What did Jesus say He would not do until He reunited with us again in the kingdom made new? Luke 22:14-18; Mark 14:25

Luke 22:14-18 NKJV

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the ^[a]twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, “With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, ^[b]I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Mark 14:25 NKJV

²⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

QUESTION #21

What did Jesus say He would do once He returned for us? Luke 12:35-37

Luke 12:35-37 NKJV

³⁵ “Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; ³⁶ and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. ³⁷ Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them.