Sermon Notes
By Heaven - Psa 14:2
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I. Introduction

I'm a religious person, so in theory, I go to heaven. I hope so. I don't want to go to hell. I think I've done a good job. President Donald Trump

a. why is talking about hell so urgent... a time is coming when people won't repent...
Mark 13:32... "concerning that day and hour... no one knows... not even the Son..."
Acts 16:6-10... "forbidden by HS to speak word in Asia... preach gospel in Macedonia..."
1Cor 15:52... "in a moment... in the twinkling of an eye... at the last trumpet..."
2Pet 3:10... "Day of the Lord will come unexpectedly... like a thief in the night..."
Rev 6-9... "kill 1/4 by sword, famine, plague... the day of His wrath has come... seals opened... trumpets sound... locust sting tortures for 5 months... people will long to die... 1/3 killed by fire, smoke, sulfur... rest did not turn to God... did not stop worshipping idols or repent... cursed God..."
* Prov 19:3... "people ruin their lives by their own foolishness... and then are angry at God..."

b. lots of etp about hell... lots of etp about heaven too...

Two paths you can go by, but in the long run, there's still time to change the road you're on... there's a lady we all know... there's a lady who is buying a stairway to heaven. **Led Zeppelin**
Is this heaven? No, it's Iowa. I could have sworn it was heaven. **Field of Dreams**

c. hell or heaven... choice is up to you... helpful to know truth before we can make a good choice... shared truth about hell last week... today, the truth about heaven... pray...
Deut 30:15-19... "heaven and earth are witnesses... life and death... blessing and curse... choose..."
2Chron 6... "will God live on earth with humans... even heaven cannot contain You..."
Psa 14:2... "God looks down from heaven to see if anyone is truly wise... one who seeks Him..."
John 14:6... "I am the way, truth, and life... no one comes the Father except thru Me..."

II. By Heaven

a. heaven appears over 550 times in KJV... bible actually speaks of three heavens... similar to baptisms, tongues... first heaven is atmosphere of earth... rain, snow, clouds, birds...
Gen 1:20... "let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens..."
Psa 104:12... "beside them the birds of the heavens dwell... sing among the branches..."
Isa 55:9-10... "as heaven is higher than earth... just as rain and snow fall from heaven..."

b. second heaven is where stars, moons, galaxies are... basically outer space...
Gen 1:14-17... "let there be lights in the heavens to separate day from night... for signs, seasons, days, years... God made two lights... greater to rule day, lesser to rule night... set them in heavens..."
Isa 13:10... "the stars of the heavens and their constellations..."

c. bible speaks of a third heaven... which means there must be a first and a second... third heaven is God's dwelling place... that heaven is main focus of this message...
Psa 11:4... "the Lord's throne is in heaven..."
Matt 5:16... "give glory to your Father in heaven..."
2Cor 12:2-4... "I know a man who was caught up to the third heaven... to paradise..."
Rev 11:19... "then the temple of God in heaven was opened..."
samayim/ouranos... *visible heavens or sky; abode of stars; visible universe; where God dwells...*

d. contrary to our etp... heaven is not sitting on a cloud in a toga playing a harp...
Deut 10:14... "heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord... as does the earth..."
Psa 53:2... "God looks down from heaven on the entire human race..."

e. what does it look like... a little like here... earth is a copy and shadow of heaven...
physical things come out of spiritual... physical is temporary, spiritual is permanent...
things in heaven are incorruptible... not like earth where moth and rust destroy...
Gen 1-3... "God created heavens and earth... light, water, trees, animals... man..."
Isa 65:17-25... "create new heavens and earth... rejoice forever in what I am creating... no weeping or crying... build houses and live in them... plant vineyards, eat their fruit..."
Heb 8:1-6... "heavenly tabernacle... built by the Lord, not by man... system is only a copy, a shadow of real one in heaven... God said, *make everything according to the pattern I have shown you*..."
Heb 11:8-16... "Abraham waited for a city which has foundations... whose builder and maker is God... desire a better, heavenly country... God has prepared a city for them..."
2Pet 3:1-13... "His promise... new heavens and earth... filled with God's righteousness..."
Rev 22:1-15... "river flowing from throne... streets, trees, fruit... no curse... Lamb in the city..."

f. heaven is very, very real... a place prepared specifically for God's children...
John 1:12... "to all who receive Him... gave right to be children... to all who believe..."
John 14:1-4... "in my Father's house are many rooms... I go to prepare a place for you..."
Rev 21:9-17... "holy city coming out of heaven... massive high wall... 12 gates and foundations... laid out in square of 1400 miles... city was pure gold as clear as glass... foundations adorned with every jewel... gates are 12 pearls, each made with a single pearl... main street is pure gold, transparent as glass... does not need sun or moon to shine... glory of God illuminates... lamp is the Lamb..."

g. where is it... it's up... somewhere in the north... impossible to imagine...
Isa 14:12-21... "I will ascend to the heavens... set up my throne... sit on the mount of the gods' assembly... in the remotest parts of the North... ascend above highest clouds..."
Acts 1:10-11... "why do you look up to heaven... someday He will return..."
1Cor 2:9... "no eye has seen, no ear heard, no mind imagined... what God has in store..."
Eph 4:10... "He who descended is also the One who ascended far above the heavens..."

h. put on immortal bodies when we die... go to eternal place... hell or heaven... physical body will change... but you'll be more alive than ever... ability to access spiritual things...
1Cor 15:50-54... "physical bodies cannot inherit kingdom of God... in the blink of an eye... dead will be raised incorruptible... mortal body will be clothed with immortality..."
2Cor 4:16-18... "outer person being destroyed... inner person being renewed... momentary light affliction is producing an incomparable eternal glory... don't focus on what is seen, but unseen..."

i. why is heaven so amazing... my Redeemer is there... heart is there... rewards are there... rescue is there... relationships are there... inheritance is stored there... have reservations...
Job 19:25-27... "my Redeemer lives... I will see Him myself... my heart longs for Him..."
Matt 6:19-21... "store up treasures in heaven... there your heart will be also..."
Luke 6:20-23... "hate, insult you... rejoice, leap for joy... your reward is great in heaven..."
2Tim 4:18... "the Lord will rescue... bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom..."
Heb 12:22-29... "you've come to heaven... to assembly of God's children... to Jesus..."
1Pet 1:3-4... "you have priceless inheritance... kept in heaven... beyond decay..."

j. our treasure is people... only thing we can take to heaven... everything else will be destroyed... when your treasure is people... your heart will be like His... pray...
Mark 8:27-29... "who do people say that I am... but you, who do you say that I am..."
John 3... "no one can enter the Kingdom unless they are born again... God so loved *you* that He gave His Son... everyone who believes will have eternal life... anyone who rejects Him does not..."
2Cor 5:17-21... "given us ministry of reconciliation... committed the message to us..."
2Cor 6:2... "now is the acceptable time... now is the day of salvation..."