

OUTLINE + PRINCIPLES

REVELATION 4

OUTLINE :

- I. JOHN CALLED UP TO HEAVEN Rev. 4:1
- II. JOHN DESCRIBES THE THRONE IN HEAVEN Rev. 4:2-6a
- III. JOHN RECORDS THE WORSHIP IN HEAVEN Rev. 4:6b-11

BASIC BIBLE TRUTH/DOCTRINE: HEAVEN

From "The Baptist Faith & Message X. Last Things. *God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with The Lord.*"

Heaven then is the final dwelling place of all those redeemed by the blood of Christ and regenerated by The Holy Spirit.

This is what most of us think about when we consider the word Heaven. This week's lesson and the open door that John saw tells us much more. In Scripture the word *heaven* describes 3 heavens: 1. The air or atmosphere above the earth where birds fly, and clouds are formed 2. The firmament- or space of the sun and moon and stars. 3. Referred to in Rev. 4 is the *heaven of heavens*. This is where God dwells, and is the region spoken of as the presence of God, the region of divine glory, also the dwelling place of angels and saints. This is what scripture calls "*the temple of the divine Majesty,*" where His excellent glory is revealed. It is described in scripture as the mansion of light, joy and glory- the third heaven to which Paul was caught up. (2 Corinthians 12:2). And in Revelation 4 we learn more about this 3rd or *Heaven of Heavens*.

PRINCIPLES:

- **HEAVEN IS WHERE GOD DWELLS AND REIGNS IN GLORY**
- **THE ETERNAL, ALMIGHTY GOD IS ON HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN**
- **THE HOLY, CREATOR GOD IS WORTHY OF CONTINUOUS WORSHIP**