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Today's Study Focus: Heaven Matters Right Here, Right Now - Recent polls suggest that nearly 80% of all Americans believe there is a place called heaven. I find that statistic encouraging because it tells me that even in this skeptical age there is something deep inside the human heart that cries out, "There's got to be something more. Something more than the pain and suffering of this life. Something more than 70 or 80 years on planet earth. Something more than being born, living, dying, and then being buried in the ground. The only things we can know for certain about heaven are the things revealed in the Bible. The Bible tells us everything we need to know and I believe it also tells us everything we can know for certain about heaven. After all, if you're wrong about heaven, you're going to be wrong for a long time. **Ray Pritchard**

Getting A 'Room' In Heaven Is All About Who You Know Hebrews 11:12-16 (NIV) - Longing for a better country, a heavenly one.

- 1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14:1-4 (NIV)
- 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." John 14:5-7
- 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? John 14:8-9 (NIV)

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"My Father's house has many rooms": Jesus spoke with complete confidence about heaven, here spoken of as His Father's house. Jesus didn't wonder about the life beyond this earth; He knew it and told His disciples that there was room for all in heaven. "***I am going there to prepare a place for you***": Love prepares a welcome. With love, expectant parents prepare a room for the baby. With love, the hostess prepares for her guests. Jesus prepares a place for His people because He loves them and is confident of their arrival. Enduring Word Bible Commentary

When Your Eyes Are On Heaven Your Heart Does The Work Of God Isaiah 40:26 (NIV) - Lift your eyes, look to heaven.

- 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14:10-14 (NIV)

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Heaven is a real place. The more we know about it, the more we should anticipate it.
As I have often suggested, Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people.

Don Piper

Scripture Passages For Further Personal Study: Romans 8:12-17 We are co-heirs with Christ. Colossians 3:1-7 Set your heart, mind on things above.



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