

Question 145

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Q145. What is heaven?

A145. A glorious and happy place, where the righteous shall be forever with the Lord.

Scripture Base: Rev. 21:1-8

Doctrine: WCF 32, 33

SC 20, 38

Supplementary Questions

1. What is heaven?

2. What is it like in heaven?

3. After Christ returns, where will He bring His people?

Songs: TH 545 "When this Passing World is Done"
TH 648 "My Jesus, I love Thee", v4

Teaching Notes

Review: Q144. What will become of the righteous?

- *They shall be taken to heaven.*

Story: Rev. 21:1-8

Questions

1. *Heaven* is where God dwells: (Ps. 11:4; Ecc. 5:2). God is everywhere, but He reveals Himself in a special way in heaven (in blessing). *Heaven* is the place the Lord has prepared for those who love Him. (John 14:3; Matt. 25:34 - Use this to point out the importance of practicing righteousness).

Heaven is where the Lord rewards those who have served Him.

2. It's where the righteous see God and Jesus (the greatest blessing). (Ps. 11:7; Matt. 5:8; Rev. 21:3; 1 Jn 3:2; Jn 17:24)

It's where the righteous are blessed:

- They will be made perfect (no more sin) - Heb. 12:22-23

- They will be glorified (receive honor from God) - Matt. 13:41-43

- The righteous will be filled with love and joy - 1 Cor. 13:8; Rom. 14:17

3. To the New Heavens and the New Earth - Rev. 21:1; 2 Pet. 3:11-13
The New Heavens and Earth are different from heaven:

- In heaven, the righteous are blessed in soul only.

- In the New Heavens and Earth, the saints will be blessed in both soul and body (since this is where they will be following the resurrection).

- They will experience a whole new perfect world with no sin or curse (Rom. 8:20-21).

Gospel: Will you be a part of heaven and of the New Heavens and the New Earth when Jesus returns? You will only if you believe/trust in Jesus. "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36). "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Trust in Him now and turn from your sins, and He will save you from the punishment you deserve in hell and make you happy forever in that wonderful new world He will bring.

Activity: Characteristics of New Heaven & New Earth w/s

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