



Speaking of Heaven
What Will There Be To Do? (Revelation 4)
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BIG IDEA: The things that we do in heaven will be the same things we should be doing here on earth.

When we get to Heaven:

1. We will worship. (Rev 4:5-11; Rev 7:9-12)

- Everyone will praise God because of the creation of God. When we recognize the magnitude of all that God has created, we will worship wholly.
- All the creatures and people of Heaven and the elders on their thrones all gave honor to God for His holiness, His goodness, His praiseworthiness.

2. We will feast and fellowship. (Matthew 22:37-40; Rev 19:6-9)

- There's a reason that there was a crowd of every nation, tribe and tongue that was gathering with God in heaven. It's because God loves us all and wants us to love everyone around us.

3. We will work. (1 Peter 4:9-11; Rev 22:1-3)

- All work is worship when we do it with the attitude that we are serving God with the gifts, talents, skills and creative minds that He has given us.
- We will spend our eternity doing things - we will spend time serving - we will worship God by doing things.

NEXT STEP

God has given each of us specific gifts to be used to serve Him, His church, and our neighbors. How do you think the Lord wants you to use those gifts today in preparation for serving Him in Heaven?

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. When you imagined Heaven in the past (maybe as a child), what did you think it would be like? Where did those ideas come from? How did those images make you feel about spending eternity in Heaven?
2. Throughout this series we have been learning that what we believe about Heaven can impact how we live now. Jesus' resurrected body seems to have somehow incorporated the "stuff" of His first human body and yet be something very new. What does this tell you about the importance of your current physical body? What might you want to do to continue to make your current body a "temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6:19-20)?
3. Take some time to think about the three things we will do in eternity with God. Ask yourself questions like: What surprises me about each one? What do I hope it will be like (i.e. what kinds of food do I hope to eat at the Heavenly feast)? In your current life, what specific ways can you live out the values represented in each area - loving and praising God, loving your neighbors and loving God's creation?