

HEAVEN

Study Outline

Week One:

Christoplatonisms...false assumptions

- a. The influence of Plato and Origen
- b. Accommodation
- c. A Biblical view of pleasure
- d. A positive view of the natural realm

Literal and Figurative Interpretation

- a. Scholasticisms Uneathly Heaven
- b. Can something be symbolic and literal
- c. Is the New Jerusalem a literal massive city
- d. Subjective Interpretation

Week Two:

Realizing Our Destiny

- a. Are you looking forward to Heaven
- b. Is Heaven beyond our imagination
- c. Is Heaven our default destination...or is Hell
- d. Can you know you are going to Heaven

Understanding the Intermediate Heaven (Paradise)

- a. Nature of the intermediate Heaven
- b. Is the intermediate Heaven a physical place
- c. What is life like there

Week Three:

Anticipating Resurrection

- a. Why is it important
- b. Why does all creation await our resurrection
- c. How far reaching is the resurrection
- d. Where and when will our deliverance come
- e. Will the old earth be destroyed or renewed
- f. Will the new earth be familiar...like home

Week Four:

What will the resurrected earth be like?

- a. An Endemic paradise
- b. What is the New Jerusalem
- c. What will it be like
- d. Will there be space and time
- e. Will we have sun, moons, oceans, and weather

Week Five:

What will our lives be like?

- a. Will we be ourselves
- b. What will our bodies be like
- c. Will we eat and drink on the new earth
- d. Will we be capable of sinning
- e. What will we know and learn
- f. What will our daily lives be like

Week Six:

What will our relationships be like?

- a. Will we desire relationships with anyone but God
- b. When will we meet and what will we experience together
- c. How will we relate to each other
- d. Will there be marriage, families, friendships
- e. What will new earth society be like

Week Seven:

What about animals?

- a. Will they inhabit the new earth
- b. Will animals, including our pets, live again

What will we do in Heaven?

- a. Will it ever be boring
- b. Will there be arts, entertainment, sports
- c. Will our dreams be fulfilled and missed opportunities be regained
- d. Will we design crafts, technology, and new modes of travel