

Heaven – Pt. 5
Glimpses into Heaven
Revelation 21:1 – 5

I. Intro

A. **READ Revelation 21:1 - 5**

B. **Quote for book:** *No doubt our God is creative. Just look at the world around us. There are over 4,600 recognized species of animals alone, not to mention the countless number of animals, plants, and insects that span the globe. There are majestic mountain, soaring waterfalls, gorgeous desert sunsets, and oceans teeming with vibrant life. Some people might even refer to a few places on this earth as “paradise,” but no matter how beautiful this world is, it remains just a shadow of what is to come on the new earth.*

C. **Some questions Alcorn speaks to tonight in the video are:** What will the new earth look like? Will there be animals, will we have pets? Will we be the same people? Will we eat or drink in heaven?

D. **SHOW VIDEO**

E. **Due to time, just want to address further couple of points**

II. The Physical New Earth

A. **The new earth will be a physical place**

B. **READ Isaiah 65:17 – 25**

C. **ASK:** What does this passage tell us about some physical characteristics of new earth? There will be houses, vineyards, gardens, fruit and produce, animals, at least one mountain

D. **Other indications of life on new earth:** we’ll have things to do; we’ll still interact and communicate with the Lord; no end to life; no weeping or crying; people will be a joy – there won’t be anyone we won’t want to be around

E. **ASK:** With that, what are some things you’ve seen and experienced on this earth that bring you pleasure and enjoyment that you’ll look forward to in the new earth in their un-fallen state?

III. Understanding God’s Grace

A. **1 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV)**

¹² Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

B. **Alcorn speaks of actual learning taking place in heaven, including learning and understanding more about God’s grace**

C. **ASK:** What are some other things you think we’ll “understand better by and by” and know more fully in heaven?

IV. Close

- A. **Alcorn finishes this session saying:** *Death is not the end of our existence. Of this we can be certain. We can be equally certain that when we die we will see our Savior face-to-face. This assurance provides believers with hope, and allows us to persevere in even the most difficult circumstances because we know this life is not all there is.*
- B. **Question:** Does this assurance and knowledge give you the desire and motivation to share this hope in Christ with others?