

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

Hebrews 12:22-24



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- Many of you are familiar with the show “***Do You Want to be a Millionaire?***”
- It was been reported in a 2016 poll that about 71% of Americans believe in heaven.
- A 2011 poll conducted by ABC showed that 89% of people believe in heaven and among the believers 85% believe that they are going there.
- A 2019 poll shows that on 23% of Americans attend worship every week and 29% never attend.

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- What is Heaven like?
 - Described as a Paradise- Luke 24:43, II Cor. 12:2; Rev. 2:7. Greek word “paradeisos” which was borrowed from the Persians and used in the Septuagint to refer to a garden. Place of beauty.
 - God’s dwelling place (Ps. 33:13).
 - A city designed and built by God- Heb. 11:10
 - A house with many rooms (mansions)- John 14:1-2
 - A better country- Heb. 11:16

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- What is Heaven like?
 - Where Christ is today (Acts 1:11).
 - Where Christians go when they die (Phil. 1:21-21).
 - Where an innumerable company of angels are gathered. (Heb. 12:22). This assembly is described by the Greek word “***paneguris***” as a meeting for the purpose of celebrating a public festival.

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- What is Heaven like?
 - A place of worship to God- Rev. 22:3
 - A place of Joy- Matt. 25:21,23
 - A place of reunion-I Thess. 4:17
 - A place of rest- Rev. 14:13
 - A place of eternal light – Rev. 22:5
 - A place of perfect righteousness- Rev. 22:26

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- Here is my question though?
 - DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO?
 - Have you ever thought that the church is supposed to be, in some ways, a kind of sample of heaven?
 - You see our life on earth is supposed to be lived in such a way as to prepare us for heaven.

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- Here is my question though?
 - DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO?
 - Do you long to come to worship God?
 - Do you long to assemble with God's people?
 - Do you strive to avoid the sensual for the spiritual?

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- Here is my question though?
 - DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO?
 - If you prefer the beer swilling revelry and association of the church at Bryant-Denny to the fellowship of godly people and joy associated with worshiping and praising the Almighty God then you may not enjoy going to heaven.
 - Although, I am quite certain that you will not enjoy the alternative.