

# Biblical Topics

## Heaven

Our human minds cannot fully understand heaven. The Bible, however, gives us a few pictures that might be helpful. God is always gracious and so some of the examples that are shared in the Scriptures are some negative issues we do know something about. God in His Word tells that there will be no: Hunger, thirst or scorching heat from the sun (Revelation 7:16); nothing scary like turbulent waters of any kind (Revelation 21:1); He will wipe away every tear, no more death or mourning or crying or pain. (Revelation 21:4) Doors will not need to be locked because there is no night there nor evil to fear anymore. (Revelation 21:25,27)

In Genesis 1-2 is the description of the Creation. Quite frequently after God has finished creating something He says "God saw that it was good." In 1:31 is says "it was very good. "The creation, as fashioned and ordered by God, had no lingering traces of disorder and no dark and threatening forces arrayed against God or man. Even darkness and the deep were given benevolent functions in a world fashioned to bless and sustain life" (see Ps 104:19–26) (CSB) In a word it was "perfect."

That perfection was lost with the sin of Adam and Eve. God quickly promised a solution to the ravages of sin. (Genesis 3:15) Since that day in the Garden of Eden God has been in the process of creating a new paradise (heaven) for His believers. (John 14:1-3)

In Revelation 21 it tells us: Only the perfection will be there. A few examples: There will be no need for the sun or moon because the light from Jesus glory will be so bright that there will be no need of any other light. The streets will be of pure gold, transparent as glass. AND all this will be ours if our "names are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27).

If you believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God is your only Savior, your name is in that book. Believe it! Trust it! Live joyfully in the promise!

The above information is taken from: "Luther's Small Catechism" annotated by Edward W. A. Koehler.