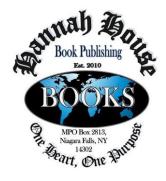
# **HEAVEN**

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#### **DEDICATED TO**

All those who are searching for answers and looking forward to spending their eternity in Heaven

To those who wonder where the scriptures are found regarding Heaven and life eternal.

#### INTRODUCTION

## NOW WHY WOULD I WRITE ABOUT HEAVEN?

Well first to let you know some of the things I have found out in Scripture that have really touched my heart.

For many years I believed there was a Heaven and as I prayed would look up into the sky and wonder just how far Heaven was from where I was in this World.

As I think about Heaven and of things to come I pray this book will help you understand the scriptures a little better and give you hope for your future.

We serve a mighty God and His Love for us in unconditional. To serve Him there is nothing greater.

#### MY DREAMS...

I remember years ago when I co-hosted a television show on our Cable Network having a dream. Now we had done the show for about 2 years and had an audience of 100,000 people. Many would contact "Gospel Road" and thank us for doing what we did, others would come to our Coffee House each Saturday evening and eventually they wanted us to start a Bible Study on Sunday which we did. Approximately 75 people would come to our Coffee House and what a great time we would have. Coffee of course and lots of snacks, salads, and sandwiches all brought by those who came. We played music, laughed and just had a wonderful time.

Well around that time I had this dream. Wasn't really thinking of anything that night as I crawled into bed, but was looking forward to a good night's sleep. My dream was one that was so different from the other dreams that I had had... I was walking into this beautiful garden. The flowers were all over the place and I didn't see much grass at all. Beautiful flowers of every color imaginable, as I walked into this garden there was a little white swing ... I sat down on this garden swing that was trellis work and so beautiful, I have never seen anything like it ... As I sat there looking at the beautiful flowers I was so intrigued by their lovely colors and how they were swaying slightly in the wind. The flowers seemed to stretch for miles and miles into the distance.

Then I heard voices behind me, and within seconds here came my grandfather Sam, my uncle Harry and my uncle Jim who had all passed away a few years before. My grandfather sat on the bench beside me and each one of them had such a smile, their faces were so alive and glowing... Now my uncle Jim was always a very quiet man and I never as a child saw him smile too much, but in this dream he was excited. They all started to talk at one time.. and were laughing at how each one came out with the same thing. "Anne, you must tell people what Heaven is like, it is beautiful here. Never stop telling others about

Jesus because people need to know".. I told them I would and then just as fast as they came they said they had to leave but kept saying "Please tell others" the left to the right of me and as I looked back for them they were gone. I awoke from that dream with such a peace in my heart and a desire to keep spreading God's word and tell others about Jesus and what He wants to do for them.

For many days and even to this day I see that garden of beautiful flowers and I will never forget our visit. Heaven is it real? Yes it is and one day I am going there to be with my family. This world is not our home, we are just passing through, but eternity is forever.

I have put together some scriptures regarding Heaven and the after life. Study them, they are from KJV of the Bible and are so interesting to read.

Always remember that God loves you very much and His desire is that you spend eternity with Him.

#### SCRIPTURES ABOUT HEAVEN...

#### John 14:2

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

#### Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

#### Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

## Luke 23:43

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

#### Hebrews 11:16

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

#### Revelation 21:22-27

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:9

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

## John 3:13

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

## Revelation 21:21-25

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

#### Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

## 2 Peter 3:13

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

#### John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

## **Hebrews 13:14**

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

#### Revelation 21:18

The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, clear as glass.

#### Revelation 21:1-5

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#### Revelation 21:19

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

## Revelation 21:27

But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## Matthew 25:46

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

#### John 10:28

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

#### Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

#### Luke 12:32

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

#### Matthew 18:10

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

#### Revelation 4:1-11

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,

## Psalm 19:1

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

#### 2 Kings 2:11

And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

## Revelation 22:15

Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

#### Revelation 12:7-9

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

#### Revelation 21:1-4

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#### Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

#### Hebrews 11:10

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

#### John 3:1-36

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

## Matthew 13:43

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

#### Revelation 20:11

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

#### Romans 5:17

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

#### Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

## John 6:47-50

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

#### Jeremiah 10:12

It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

## Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is no other.

#### Nehemiah 9:6

"You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

## Revelation 21:1-27

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## Revelation 11:19

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

## 1 John 5:5-8

Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood— Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by thewater and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

#### 2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

## Psalm 33:6

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

#### Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

#### Colossians 1:12

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Acts 7:49

"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?

## John 6:50-71

This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

#### Matthew 3:12

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

#### Job 22:12

"Is not God high in the heavens? See the highest stars, how lofty they are!

## 2 Chronicles 6:30

Then hear from heaven your dwelling place and forgive and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways, for you, you only, know the hearts of the children of mankind,

#### Revelation 2:7

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

## Ephesians 1:18

Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

## Luke 15:10

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

## Matthew 11:25

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;

## Lamentations 3:41

Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven:

## Psalm 103:11

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

#### Job 9:8

Who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea;

#### 1 Peter 1:4

To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

## Luke 12:33

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

#### Psalm 73:24

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

#### Psalm 20:6

Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

#### Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

#### Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

## **Titus 3:5**

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

## John 13:36

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."

#### John 5:29

And come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

## Luke 20:34-36

And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

#### Matthew 19:21

Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Many may say there are so many scriptures to read and study, but you know by you doing this you are learning all about our Heavenly Father and the plans He has for you ...

This life is only for a short time and will soon pass and we will find ourselves leaving our bodies and going forth to either meet our Lord or to spend eternity in Hell.

Which would you rather have? I know that I for sure want Heaven.

Hope you have enjoyed this book and the scriptures that I have put together for you.

Always remember when you become part of the Family of God your life will change and you will start to see God moving in your life.

Each day will be a little closer to our Eternity.

God Bless You so much...