

TALK IT OVER

The Weight of Eternity

BOTTOM LINE

We think of heaven too little.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

If you could spend one day in heaven hanging out with any biblical person besides Jesus, who would you choose?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [What Is Heaven Like?](#) by Dr. Charles Stanley (4:54 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

Read Luke 16:19-31.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights ... James 1:17 NIV

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. Deuteronomy 8:17-18 NIV

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12 NIV

What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has ever conceived—the things God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV

... not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 NIV

"If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next ... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither." – C. S. Lewis

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When was the last time you thought significantly about heaven? What prompted it? We think of heaven too little, and we think too little of heaven. Is that true of you? Our perspective on eternity impacts how we respond to the good gifts from God. How does thinking of heaven change an attitude of entitlement? Discuss the chasm between eternity's two permanent ending places. How do you answer, "How could a good God send people to hell?" God did not create hell for people. Who did He create it for and why? No one deliberately chooses hell. How do people end up there? Discuss the rich man's desire and solution for preventing his brothers from ending up in hell. People can see evidence and still reject God ... Ultimately the issue is not whether or not God has spoken. The issue is whether we will listen ... the problem is never lack of evidence; the problem is a resistant heart. Discuss. Eternity is coming. What do I need to do personally for myself? For others?

ACTION STEP

The people who change the world are those who are not captivated by earth, but by heaven. I will become a world-changer by doing this to focus on eternity: