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## 1. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A CHRISTIAN DIES?

- JESUS TO THE THIEF OF THE CROSS, "TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE." (LUKE 23:43)
- PAUL TO THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI, "FOR TO ME, TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN....I DESIRE TO BE WITH CHRIST, WHICH IS BETTER BY FAR."
- JESUS TO THE DISCIPLES, "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS...IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM." (JOHN 14:1-3)

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## 2. BUT ARE THERE DIFFERENT HEAVENS?

HEAVEN NOW: "THE INTERMEDIATE STATE / THE PRESENT HEAVEN / PARADISE."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-8, "NOW WE KNOW THAT IF THE EARTHLY TENT WE LIVE IN IS DESTROYED, WE HAVE A BUILDING FROM GOD, AND ETERNAL HOUSE IN HEAVEN, NOT BUILT BY HUMAN HANDS."

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## 3. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE PRESENT HEAVEN?

- A. IT IS BETTER BY FAR (PHIL 1:23)
- B. IT IS NOT A PERMANENT PLACE
- C. WE WILL BE "WITH THE LORD FOREVER." (1 THESS. 4:17B)
- D. WE WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH.

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## 4. WHAT WILL WE BE LIKE IN THE PRESENT HEAVEN?

JESUS DESCRIBED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE FOR US, LUKE 23:43 "TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

PERHAPS A PHYSICAL BODY?

- AT THE TRANSFIGURATION MOSES AND ELIJAH WERE IDENTIFIED AS MEN.
- JESUS IS THE GOD/MAN IN HEAVEN WITH A BODY.

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**D.L. MOODY, "SOON YOU WILL READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT I AM DEAD. DON'T BELIEVE IT FOR A MOMENT. I WILL BE MORE ALIVE THAN EVER BEFORE...EARTH RECEDES...AND HEAVEN OPENS BEFORE ME."**