

## God in Heaven – Rockliff VBS

Scripture Text: Psalm 115:1-3

- A. “What makes Heaven good is God.”
- B. If the streets were gravel instead of gold, if the walls were particle board instead of jasper, if Main Street had knee-deep mud, if the flowers were overgrown with weeds – **it would still be Heaven because God is there!**
- C. Adam & Eve – the Garden of Eden was paradise (literally) because God walked there, Gen. 3:8. He spent time with them!
- D. Rev. 21:3
- E. Rev. 4:8, cf. 4:10-11, 5:9
- F. “Heaven is the most marvelous place the wisdom of God could conceive and that the power of God could prepare.” R. G. Lee

Since God is in Heaven, what are some reasons I want to go to Heaven?

### **1. HEAVEN IS MY HOPE.**

- 1. Is it really there? Jesus says it is. Matthew 5:12
- 2. What would you expect of a man that claimed to know things no other man knew? Acts 1:24. Raise the dead? John 11:33-34. Heal the sick? Matthew 14:14. Calm the seas? Mark 4:39. Walk on water? Matthew 14:25. Cast out demons? Mark 5. Calm humanities deepest fears? John 7:44. Rise from the dead? Matthew 28:6.
- 3. Is it really offered? 1 Peter 1:3; Matthew 10:32; Matthew 5:12

### **2. HEAVEN IS MY HAVEN.**

- 1. A place of refuge or rest, a sanctuary.
- 2. This life is full of trouble. Job 14:1
- 3. Simply by the way this world operates we can expect pain and suffering. Laws of gravity, motion, etc.
- 4. Suffering is compounded by sin in the world. We recall the madness of Hitler’s Germany and Imperial Japan. We remember the purges of the Soviets and Communist Chinese. We know of the millions of our youth who have been sacrificed on the altar of convenience in their mother’s womb. Imprinted on our mind is the scene of terror from the sky. We are vulnerable to a madman with a weapon. We feel the onset of age and disease. We suffer the heartache of death and betrayal in the home.
- 5. Heaven is a haven free from trouble. Rev. 21:3-4, 8
- 6. This haven is a place of rest. Rev. 14:11-13. Make sure there are labors to rest from.

### **3. HEAVEN IS MY HOME.**

1. We are strangers (foreigners) here. 1 Peter 2:11. Obey its laws, be loyal to the King. Philippians 3:20. (Dickson: "citizenship").
2. I want to go home, but it's better for you if I stay. Philippians 1:21-26.
3. There is a place prepared. John 14:2.
4. It's where my treasure is. Matthew 6:19-21.
5. It's where my Father is. Rev. 21:5-7.

1. To go home you must be part of the family. To be part of the family you must be born into it. Ye must be born again. John 3:3-5

2. To be part of the family your sins must be washed away. Isaiah 59:1-2; Matthew 13:41; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-9.

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