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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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Heaven

"From every spot on earth we are equally near heaven and the infinite." – Henri Frederic Amiel

"No man can ever enter heaven until he is first convinced he deserves hell." – John W. Everett

"The Bible shows the way to go to heaven, not the way the heavens go." – Galileo Galilei

"Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." – Joe Louis

"We read of a place that's called heaven, it's made for the pure and the free;
These truths in God's Word He hath given, how beautiful heaven must be."
(Mrs. A.S. Bridgwater, Author, published in 62 hymnals)

"I've a home prepared where the saints abide, just over in the glory land;
And I long to be by my Savior's side, just over in the glory land."
(Words by James W. Acuff, 1906)

How exciting it is to contemplate Heaven. That word (heaven) appears in the sacred text some 531 times!

In ancient Jewish writing, they spoke of three heavens. One where the birds fly, a second where we see the stars, planets, and constellations, and the third where they said that God dwelt. So the emphasis with Heaven is the place where the Most High and Most Holy is seated upon His throne. It is that place where every child of God longs to be to spend an eternity.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3). Here is a wonderful assurance from Jesus that Heaven is very real. He referred to it as His "Father's House." Within it are "many mansions," literally, "many abiding places." How exciting to realize that there will be abundant room for all who desire to be there.

The entrance requirements are simple to find, realizing that the only way to get there is through Jesus Christ (John 14:6). We must have the faith believing that He is the Christ (John 8:24). Based on that foundation (1 Cor. 3:11), we must repent of our sins (Luke 13:3,5), confess with our mouths our faith that He is the Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). Prayerfully we will then remain faithful until we part this world in death (Rev. 2:10).