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Session Eight ~ H Is For Heaven

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God, who resides in heaven, invites the redeemed to live forever in His presence.

Heaven is the epitome of beauty, glory, and joy.

It is best understood as the place where God's holy presence dwells.

“If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.”

Jesus' use of the term *paradise* conveys the idea of enjoying the company of our Creator.

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- Heaven is—a literal place;
- God's dwelling place;
- where Jesus lives in bodily form;
- eternal.
- Heavenly life is an eternal time of joy, celebration, and fellowship with God.
- Heaven is the place of God's throne and eternal presence.
- Heaven is the future home of believers.
- All who have died in the Lord are there.
- Heaven is without the presence of sin.
- Multitudes of angels are in heaven praising God and attending Him.
- No darkness is in heaven.
- Pain, suffering, and sorrow are not known in heaven.
- Heaven is the place where a believer's inheritance is kept with care until the revelation of the Messiah.

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Hell is a literal place.

It is described as a place of constant fire and torment.

This is where those who reject God's gift of salvation will spend eternity—away from God's presence, fellowship, and care.

You were created to live in complete fellowship with God and to enjoy being His most prized creation.

Abundant life is complete, full, and lived to its highest potential and beyond our expectations.

An abundant life is living a life directed by God.

Abundant life with Christ begins on earth now.

- We have been set free and are no longer condemned.
- We are made heirs of God and are thus able to share in His glory.
- The Holy Spirit bears fruit in a believer's life.
The Holy Spirit is the pledge of a believer's participation in heaven.
- We are made new creations and are reconciled to God.

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- We are made alive in Christ and are brought close to Him.
- We can grow in a relationship with Christ and can know His power and fellowship.
We can have hope.

Help people understand that Christianity isn't about simply avoiding hell but that it is about being the new creation God created us to be.

The letter *H* can also stand for *how*—how God took the initiative to save us through the death of His Son, Jesus, and how a person can have God's forgiveness and eternal life in heaven.

With this question the conversation moves into the Invitation—when someone has the opportunity to receive personally the truth you have shared.

The reality of heaven and hell

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The reality of judgment demands that there be a place available for those who have a guilty sentence passed on them.

The Bible indicates that creation has purpose and is headed somewhere.

The thought of a better place should be a source of motivation to serve God every day of our lives.