

Sermon Notes

We Can Inherit Heaven

and Be in God's Presence, among His Joyful People

Hebrews 12:16-24

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

12:16-17 Don't be like Esau, caring little about inheritance that is from God.

You have to choose now if you care about and want the inheritance God is offering you.

12:18-21 The old relationship that Israel had with God was marked by distance from God and dread among His people.

12:22-24 The new relationship that Christians have with God is marked by closeness with God and joy among His people.

In heaven we will be with God, and have intimacy.

Heaven will be a joyful celebration of all of God's people.

We can taste this now, by engaging in the church.

We are privileged children of God.

We are accepted members of heaven.

We will join the ranks of those who have been perfected.

We have all this because we have come to Jesus Christ.

Mediator of the new relationship deal with God

He makes us clean in God's sight, by His blood.

Jesus' blood, sprinkled on you, cries out to God that you are forgiven and clean.

What will you do with what you learned today?

Suggested reading: Heb. 4:14-16, 10:19-22

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Application questions for 3/26/2017 sermon

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(Based on verses 16-17)

We do not see the kingdom of God and heaven now. How do you go about choosing now that you want something you haven't seen?

How do your decisions in life reflect that you want heaven, and/or rewards in Jesus' kingdom, more than you want the things this world has to offer (possessions, pleasures, recognition, success, etc.)?

Is there a critical decision to trust Jesus you feel like you still need to make - to trust Him for forgiveness and salvation, or to trust Him by living your daily life His ways? Where are you at on that decision?

(Based on verses 18-21)

Do you feel distant from God, or dread of God? What do you think makes you feel that?

If you feel close to and comfortable with God, what do you think helps make you feel that way?

If you feel distant from God or dread of God, what might change that?

(Based on verses 22-24)

Are you excited about heaven, and why?

Are being with God and His people the main reasons for your excitement about heaven? If not, how might your thinking about heaven or your desires for it need to change?

What did you learn in the sermon, or do you learn looking at verses 22-24, that you didn't know is true about those who trust Jesus, that you think is great?

(Make sure to make it to this last set of question, even if you have to skip or rush some other questions.)

What role does church and or religion play in your life? Why do you do either of them?

The way you currently participate in the church, with God's people, do you feel like it impacts your life? For example, does it give you joy, does it help you be closer to or worship God?

If the way you participate in church impacts your life positively, what specific things do you do that you think help with that?

Is there something you want to do to engage more actively in the church?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.