

## **Going Back Home**

### **Genesis 3:22-24**

Six-thousand years ago, Adam and Eve got kicked out of the house! They broke the rules; they sinned. I know this may sound strange; but, because of that, you have never REALLY been home! When you leave this service, and you go to that place that you call home; it's not really home. It's temporary housing! Your true home is in Heaven with God. God wanted to live with mankind, so He created us and placed us in a garden of paradise. The reason we know He wanted to live with us is simple to see. When He created Adam and Eve, He lived with them! When we go to Heaven, we're going to live with Jesus forever. God wants to live with us in paradise, but we have lost our housing privileges! When Jesus comes with our redeemed housing arrangements, He's going to take us home for real!

### **Three realities concerning the father's house**

#### **1. It is a real physical place, and it is the ultimate paradise.**

Revelation 21:9-27; 22:1-3

There have been numerous stories, books, reports, and movies depicting someone's personal experience of going to an actual place called Heaven. While all of these may provide anecdotal proof of a real Heaven, the clearest and only reliable argument for the reality of Heaven is the testimony of Scripture.

Heaven is a significant subject in the Bible. It is mentioned over six-hundred times and appears from the very first book of Genesis to the last book of Revelation. Heaven is mentioned in fifty-four of the sixty-six books in the Bible.

In the book of Revelation, John describes Heaven as a place with streets, walls, gates, trees and a river. God would not describe in such detail and dedicate that much of His Word to talk about some fantasy land, imaginary world, or the figment of someone's imagination. His energies are most surely intended to reveal to us the reality of a place called Heaven. Heaven is a real place.

#### **2. It is the place where the bride becomes the wife of Christ.** John 14:1-3

Marriage is the most intimate of all human relationships. It is frequently used in the Bible as a prominent symbol and metaphor to describe the current and future relationship Believers have with God. Portrayed as the bridegroom in this relationship, God reveals Himself to be faithful, loving, and committed to a covenant union with His church, comprised of all who believe in Jesus Christ and have accepted His atoning grace and gift of salvation.

Here on earth the Church is described as the Bride of Christ, while our future in Heaven pictures a marriage supper celebration (Revelation 19:9) and the new title as the Lamb's wife (Revelation 21:9).

#### **3. Heaven is home.**

In this time of separation from home, you may feel lonely, unwanted, and unloved. When Jesus takes you to your REAL HOME, you'll never have another lonely moment for eternity. That's how much Jesus loves you. This world is not our home. We're just pilgrims and strangers passing through. With all the evil craziness going on these days, you can really feel that now, can't you!