

Bible/College Class Notes – Heaven – Lesson 17

How can we go to Heaven?

This week we learn about the **only way** we can go to Heaven. It is all of God's mercy.

'Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.'

Matthew 5 v 20

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Leviticus 16v1-14 (The sin offering and scapegoat)	
Monday	Leviticus 16v15-28 (The Day of Atonement)	
Tuesday	Leviticus 16v29-34 (The Day of Atonement)	
Wednesday	Hebrews 9v1-14 (Christ fulfils all the sacrifices)	
Thursday	Hebrews 9v15-28 (Christ appears before God for us)	
Friday	Hebrews 10v1-22 (Christ our high priest and sacrifice!)	
Saturday	Mark 15v15-39 (Christ removes the barrier of sin)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Sin bars everyone from Heaven. Everyone thought the Scribes and Pharisees as being very righteous, pleasing to God; yet the Lord exposed them as sinners. Are we guilty of their sin or of other sins? Their sin: Prejudice - Their minds were made up - Jesus was not God. Proud - They felt so much better than everyone else, acceptable to God. Hatred - They looked for faults in the Lord to bring Him down. Hypocrisy - They tried to appear religious but broke God's rules. Dishonesty - They used religion to gain wealth and status. What a blessing that God's mercy and love at Calvary's Cross has made a way for us to enter Heaven - forgiven and made perfect!

Hymn 251 details the Lord Jesus' suffering and death to save sinners such as us!

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| 1. The Son of God, in mighty love,
Came down to Bethlehem for me,
Forsook His throne of light above,
An infant on the earth to be. | 4. Though Lord of all, above, below
He went to Olivet for me:
He drank my cup of wrath and woe,
And bled in dark Gethsemane. |
| 5. The ever-blessed Son of God,
Went up to Calvary for me:
There paid my debt, there bore my load,
In His own body on the tree. | 6. He finished all! The veil was rent;
Thy gracious call obey;
May hearts be turned to heavenly joys,
And come without delay. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Way Into Heaven Made Possible by Christ's Death

• The Temple - a Visual Aid to Help Our Understanding.

- All God-fearing Jews could enter the outer courts of the Temple, **BUT** only the High Priest, once a year on the Day of Atonement, was allowed into the Holy of Holies, after a ceremonial cleansing. A picture showing us of our need of the Lord Jesus Christ Who can present us righteous to our Holy God, earning Heaven for us, if we believe in Him.
- A veil/curtain acted as a barrier of entry and protection to keep the Holy of Holies holy! Showing that our sin bars us from entering Heaven.

• Why is Sin Barred from Heaven?

- **Heaven must be protected:** God is holy and pure, and He must protect Heaven. Just as a drop of poison contaminates pure water, one drop of sin would completely ruin Heaven, and so it cannot be allowed in.
- **To protect sinners!** No one can see God and live. Just as extreme heat destroys unhealthy bacteria, so the holiness of God destroys all sin. **An unforgiven sinner entering God's presence would instantly perish.**

• Why a Veil and not a Brick Wall as a Barrier?

- God's use of a passable, temporary barrier, a veil, shows us that He has a Sovereign plan that will successfully overcome our problem of sin.

• How can the Barrier of Sin be Removed?

- **When was the veil torn in two and the Holy of Holies made accessible?** It was when the Lord Jesus Christ voluntarily and gladly died upon the cross and took the punishment of all the sins of every one of His People.
- **Why was the veil torn from the TOP to the BOTTOM?** God alone could pay the price of the sins of His People and give them the righteousness (holiness) that they need to enter His Holy, Eternal, Kingdom of Heaven.

• The Only Way to Heaven – The Lord Jesus Christ. John 14v6

- The only way to be certain of Heaven is to realise that all our hope of entering depends on the Lord Jesus Christ and what He did at Calvary. **We must recognise His amazing love and our own unworthiness** and ask Him to forgive us. Then we will know that He is our God and Friend. The Lord God promises to save, despite our sin, and allow us into Heaven because of our Saviour's finished work on the cross!

The Lord God promises to save, despite our sin, and allow us into Heaven because of our Saviour! "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived...such [sinners] were you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

1 Corinthians 6v9-11