

## Heaven Holds All To Me

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### Introduction.

I. I suppose that nearly everyone has some favorite hymns. One of my favorite hymns is “Heaven Holds All To Me” by Tillet S. Teddlie. It reads:

Earth holds no treasures but perish with using However precious they be; Yet there’s a country to which I am going, Heaven holds all to me.	Why should I long for the world and its sorrows, When in that home o’er the sea Millions are singing the wonderful story Heaven holds all to me.
Out on the hill of that wonderful country, Happy, contented and free, Loved ones are waiting and watching my coming, Heaven holds all to me.	

II. This beautiful hymn has special meaning to me because it expresses the ultimate purpose of my life. I desire more than anything else in this world to reach the heavenly city, not built with hands, and spend eternity with God, the Son, the Holy Spirit and all the saints and angels. I also covet these things for you and for the whole world.

III. For the next few minutes I would like to give some reasons why heaven holds all to me.

I. **A Real Place** - Heaven holds all to me because it is a real place. (Matt. 6:9; Jn. 14:1-3).

A. Three times in these verses Jesus assures us heaven in a real place.

1. Heaven is not a myth or a dreamy invention of man, but it is a real, literal place somewhere “high above the earth.” (Psa. 103:11).

2. Heaven is just as real as the city of Waco. It is just as real as the state of Texas. It is just as real as our world.

B. Though this city is invisible to human eyes or to the most powerful telescopes, through the eyes of faith we know that heaven exists and will be inherited by those who love God and keep His commandments.

II. **A Beautiful Place** - Heaven holds all to me because it is a beautiful place.

A. This world is vastly beautiful, but the beauties of this world do not even begin to compare to the city Jesus has prepared for us.

B. In Revelation John describes, in human terms, how beautiful and marvelous this city will be. (Rev. 21:10-27).

**REV 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. 12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the**

gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. 16 And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. 18 And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

19 The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. 22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple. 23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it. 25 And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed; 26 and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; 27 and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

III. **New Spiritual Bodies** - Heaven holds all to me because there we shall have new spiritual bodies.

A. Our material bodies are not fitted for an eternal place like heaven.

1. Our mortal bodies are very mortal, very corruptible. Every day they grow older and suffer deterioration.
2. **I can see this in myself** - used to run, skin, change of hair color and lost of hair.
3. When Jesus comes again we will receive a new spiritual body that is not subject to death or decay. (1 Jn. 3:2; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:49, 51-53).

B. Some may ask, **“Can we really that this great miracle will happen?”** The answer is an emphatic “yes.”

1. We can believe it because **God has promised it.** (1 Cor. 15:44b).

2. We can believe it because it **occurs every year in nature**.

- a. Every fall **millions of tiny caterpillars** weave a cocoon about themselves. On the inside of the protective shell is a foul-smelling liquid, but when spring comes a miracle occurs. The ugly caterpillar emerges a beautiful butterfly.
- b. If God can transform an ugly caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly—and He does so millions of times every year—can He not transform man into a creature fit for paradise?

IV. **Place Of Reunion** - Heaven holds all to me because it is a place of reunion.

- A. Through my life I have made **many long trips to the cemetery**, as you have, and seen friends and loved one placed in the grave and said “Farewell” to them. There is just one thing that sustains me and keeps me going and that is the realization that some day, if I am faithful, I shall see many of these loved ones who have gone on before and enjoy their fellowship for eternity.
- B. The question is often raised, **“Will we know one another in heaven?”** The answer to this question is “yes.”
  - 1. The scriptures make it clear that there will be future recognition. (2 Sam. 12:23).
  - 2. It should be emphasized, however, that even though we will know one another in heaven that we will not have the same relationship. (Matt. 22:29, 30).

V. **Everything Perfect There** - Heaven holds all to me because everything shall be perfect there.

- A. There will be no tears, sorrow, disease, hunger, violence, death, war or the other things which beset our world.
- B. It is a **state of bliss and comfort**. (Matt. 5:4; Lk. 16:25; Rev. 21:4).

<p>“There’s no disappointment in heaven, No weariness, sorrow or pain; No hearts that are bleeding and broken, No song with a minor refrain.</p> <p>The clouds of our earthly horizon Will appear in the sky, For all will be sunshine and gladness, With never a tear nor a sigh.</p> <p>We’ll never pay rent for our mansion, The taxes will never come due; Our garments will never grow threadbare, But always be fadeless and new.</p> <p>We’ll never be hungry nor thirsty, Nor languish in poverty there, For all the rich bounties of heaven His sanctified children will share.</p>	<p>There’ll never be crepe on the door-knob, No funeral train in the sky; No graves on the hillside of glory, For there we shall never more die.</p> <p>The old will be young there forever, Transformed in a moment of time; Immortal we’ll stand in his likeness The stars and the sun to outshine.</p> <p>I’m bound for the beautiful city My Lord has prepared for His own; Where all the redeemed of all ages Sing “Glory” around the white throne; Sometimes I grow homesick for heaven, And the glories I there shall behold, What a joy it will be when My Savior I see, In that beautiful city of gold!”</p>
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VI. **A Place Of Rest** - Heaven holds all to me because it is a place of rest. (Rev. 14:13).

A. There is not much time for rest during our brief sojourn on the earth.

1. Fathers must work long hours in order to make a living for their families. Mothers are on duty day and night caring for the needs of their family.
2. Furthermore, we must spend most of our free hours working in the service of the Master. We cannot cease our labors, but must press on throughout life. (Gal. 6:9).

B. In heaven the Christian will gain sweet and precious rest for his works. Perhaps that is why Christians derive so much joy from the song "I'll Take My Vacation In Heaven."

VII. **Eternal Place** - Heaven holds all to me because it is an eternal place.

A. It shall not last for a day, a month, a year or even 10,000 years, but for eternity.

1. In Matthew 25:46 Jesus gave a very sad and a very comforting scripture. (Matt. 25:46).
2. John completed his description of heaven by saying of the righteous. ( Rev. 22:5).
3. These scriptures clearly affirm that heaven is without end. The righteous shall abide in heaven forever and ever exploring and enjoying the immense beauties of heaven.

B. Many people suppose that **we shall see all of heaven the first day we get there**, but I doubt it. You cannot see London or New York in two weeks. You cannot see Venice in a month. You cannot see Rome in six weeks.

1. Likewise, it will probably take a long time and maybe eternity to see heaven with its vast, beautiful treasures.
2. After all the Bible says that heaven is 1500 miles long, 1500 wide, and 1500 miles high. (Rev. 21:16). This is probably figurative language describing to us that heaven is a vastly large city, but it taken literally it means that heaven has 2,250,000 square miles and nearly 4,000,000,000 cubic miles. **All the large cities of the world combined would not even be a tiny percent of the immense heaven.**

## Conclusion.

- I. **In view of the things we have discussed about heaven**, you can see why I say heaven holds all to me and why Paul said heaven is "far better." (Phil. 1:23). I hope that it will hold all to you.
- II. There is just one way we can reach this celestial city and that is through Jesus. A man may go to heaven without health, wealth, fame, learning, culture, beauty, friends and without 10,000 other things, but he can never go to heaven without Christ. (Jn. 8:24; 14:6).
- III. If you want to go to heaven, you must make Christ the Master of your life. If you not done so, we urge you to come and give your life to Jesus as we stand sing!

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