

The Present Heaven
Part 4

What is life like in the
Present Heaven?

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“9When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” ¹¹Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.” Rev 6:9-11

21 things we can learn about the Present Heaven
from these 3 verses:

1. When these people died on Earth, they _____ to Heaven.

“I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain...” V 9

2. These people were the _____ people who were killed for Christ while on Earth.

- This shows our direct continuity between our identity on _____ and our identity in _____
- The martyrs’ personal history extends back to their lives on Earth. Those in the present Heaven are not different people; They are the same people relocated –
“righteous men made perfect” (Hebrews 12:23)

3. People in Heaven will be remembered for their lives on _____

These were known and identified as ones slain,
“because of ... the testimony they had maintained” V 9

A. In Heaven, those who endured bad things on Earth are _____

“But Abraham replied, Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.” Luke 16:25

B. Our memories of our life on Earth will be more _____ when we get to heaven down to specific:

- _____ Matthew 12:36
- _____ 2 Corinthians 5:10

4. They were able to express themselves _____
“They called out...” V 10

5. People in the Present Heaven can _____ their voices.
“They called out in a loud voice,”V.10

- This indicates that they are: rational, communicative, and emotional (even passionate) beings, like people on Earth.

6. They called out in “a loud _____,” not “loud voices.”
“They called out in a loud voice,”V.10

7. The martyr’s are fully conscious, rational, and aware of each other, God and the _____ on Earth.
“Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you.”
Rev 18:20

That the angel specifically addresses people living in Heaven indicates they’re aware of what’s _____ on Earth.