

The Present Heaven
Part 5

What is life like in the
Present Heaven? Pt 2
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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 (continued):

8. The martyrs ask God to intervene on Earth and to act on their behalf.

“How long...until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” V. 10

9. In Heaven, people are free to ask God questions, which means they have an audience with God.

- It also means they want to learn.
When we get to heaven we will still be “learning”.
Since we are not God, there will never be a time where we will know everything.

Lessons in Heaven: Life, your interests: science, math, history, art, literature, music, exploration, adventure, romance, sports

People in Heaven desire understanding and pursue it.

10. People in Heaven know what is happening on Earth.

- The martyrs know enough to realize that those who killed them have not yet been judged.

"He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.” Luke 16:27-28

11. Those in Heaven see God’s attributes in a way that makes his judgment of sin more understandable.

“Sovereign...holy and true”

12. In Heaven, people have a deep concern for justice and retribution. V. 10

When we go to Heaven, we will not adopt a passive disinterest in what happens on the Earth. On the contrary, our concerns will be more passionate and our thirst for justice greater.

No one in Heaven will be satisfied until:

- A. God’s enemies are judged
- B. Our bodies are resurrected
- C. Sin and Satan are defeated
- D. Earth is restored
- E. Christ is exalted over all

13. The Martyrs in Heaven remember their lives on Earth.

- They even remembered that they were murdered.

14. They martyrs in Heaven pray for the judgment on their persecutors who are still at work hurting others.

- They are acting in solidarity and in effect interceding for the suffering saints on Earth.

- This suggests that saints in Heaven are both seeing and praying for saints on Earth.