

Prayer List

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The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, August 8	28/28/25
	Wednesday, August 11	26
Offering	Sunday, August 8	\$1074.95

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Tommy Sanders

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Lance Green
Assistants	Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	Keith Keever

Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	David Snyder
Songs	Ted Mitchel
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

Wednesday Night

Songs	James Hutton
First Prayer	Lance Green
Devotional	Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Ted Mitchel

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“BIBLICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF HEAVEN”

[Brother David P. Brown preaches for the Spring Church of Christ, Spring, TX. This article has been edited to fit in the space provided.]

Because heaven is so far beyond our finite minds to understand, God has chosen things of this life whereby we may have some understanding of that sinless place where God's will is flawlessly carried out and where there is no possibility of sin. Hence, various figures of speech are employed by the Holy Spirit to describe heaven. Let us, therefore, examine heaven as our God has revealed it to us.

Heaven Is A City

The ancients were very familiar with great walled cities. They symbolized activity, life, government, and protection. Hence, one of the figures of heaven is that of a great city, the New Jerusalem. Great and high are its walls. Twelve gates are set in the great walls of the city and an angel stands at each gate. These gates are made of pearl. Written on the twelve gates of pearl are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Open are heaven's gates during the day and since there is no night there, the gates are never shut. The city walls are built upon twelve foundations. On these foundations are inscribed the names of the twelve apostles of Christ. Precious stones garnish the foundations. The first precious stone is jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; and the fourth, an emerald. Her street is made of pure gold. The city has a river flowing from the throne of God and the lamb; it is the pure water of life. On each side of the river of life grows the tree of life. Twelve kinds of fruit are born each month and the leaves of the tree are

for the healing of the nations. Its light is the very glory of God. In figurative language John declares that this celestial and eternal city of the saved is large enough to hold all who will go there (Rev. 21). Thus, in hope we sing: *I am going to a city where the streets with gold are laid, here the tree of life is blooming, and the roses never fade. Here they bloom but for a season, soon their beauty is decayed; I am going to a city where the roses never fade.*

Heaven Is A Country

From the Bible we understand that the faithful patriarchs of the Old Testament looked for a country (Heb. 11:14-16). In this world Ur of the Chaldees was Abraham's home; but it was no abiding place. Hence, as have all the servants of God, Abraham sought a country that could not be destroyed. At best, life on earth is fleeting and uncertain. We, therefore, must treat our existence here as a pilgrimage. We are sojourners in a temporary land that is rushing toward a fiery end. Hence, with that realization in mind we sing such songs as the following one. *Beyond this land of parting, losing and leaving, Far beyond the losses, darkening this, And far beyond the taking and the bereaving Lies the summer land of bliss. Beyond this land of toiling, sowing and reaping, Far beyond the shadows darkening this, And far beyond the sighing, moaning and weeping, Lies the summerland of bliss. Beyond this land of sinning, fainting and falling, Far beyond the doubtings darkening this, and far beyond the griefs and dangers befalling, Lies the summerland of bliss. Beyond this land of waiting, seeking and sighing, Far beyond the sorrows darkening this, And far beyond the pain and sickness and dying, Lies the summerland of bliss. Land beyond so fair and bright! Land beyond where is no night! Summerland—God is its Light, O happy summerland of bliss!*

Heaven Is A Place Of Rest

The pilgrim is constantly moving (Heb. 11:13). He is a weary traveler who longs for a permanent place to rest (1 Pet. 2:11). By the burdens of life he is toil-worn and weighed down (Gal. 6:9). Spiritually he seeks eternal comfort, peace, and security (1 Cor. 15:58). Heaven is the only place that can permanently and flawlessly fulfill his needs.

Heaven Is The Eternal Home Of The Faithful

I cannot think of home without thinking of a residing place—a residence. In this life, when our earthly homes are as God would have them, there is no place of greater love, security, happiness, fellowship, and peace. If things are as they should be in a home, the nearest and dearest of earth reside therein. On this basis the word *home* strikes a soft spot in our hearts. Fond memories of days gone by are recalled and we are made happy with such reminiscing. Hence, to liken heaven to the good homes of this world strikes a harmonious cord with us. Who are some of the persons that will make up the populace of heaven? Such great and good men and women as Abel, Enoch, Noah, “Mrs. Noah,” Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, Gideon, Deborah, Barak, Jephthah, David, Samuel, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets (Gen. 5:24; 2 Kin. 2:11; Heb. 11). Along with the Old Testament worthies will be the faithful of which we read in the New Testament the apostles, Luke, Mark, Timothy, Titus, Barnabas, James, Dorcas, Lois, and Eunice. We will also be with the cherubim, seraphim, and all the holy angels. Above all, we shall enjoy the personal association with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just imagine such associations in that perfect bliss that is heaven.

--*David P. Brown*