

What Is Heaven Like? (Part 1)

Series: What's After ATX?

Revelation 21:1-7

Kevin Maurice --- April 19, 2020

Music: Power in the Blood / I Saw the Light

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

[CHORUS]

There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful power in the blood

[CHORUS]

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Announcements

[Brad McNair]

Good morning! My name is Brad McNair and I'm the children's pastor here at Grace Covenant Church. We are a church that exists to glorify God by guiding others to become like Christ in all of life. And just because we're sitting at home on our couches right now or in our home office watching this doesn't mean that God is not still at work. God is very much at work and we would love for you to be a part of what He is doing here at Grace. There's a couple of

ways that you can do that. First, you can continue to engage. We would love for you to visit our website following today's service to check out our resources like our discussion questions. You can find prayer prompts, you can even submit a prayer request. Our team would love to pray for you. You'll also find resources for kids and students there as well. I'd really love it if you used our family discipleship tool that we've got for families that have preschoolers or elementary age kids. It's a great way for you to have a faith-filled conversation at home. The second way that you can be a part of what God is doing is you can give – that is, if you're able to during this time. The only way that we're going to be able to respond to ministry opportunities that God presents to us is if we continue to be generous. There are four ways that you can do that. You can Text2Give, you can give online through our webpage, you can also use the Connect Realm app. You can even mail in a check. Thank you, Grace, for being generous and giving with a cheerful and grateful heart.

[Matt Cassidy]

Hi, Grace. Hey, I want to thank you for your faithfulness and the generosity that you've been bestowing on your church. And because of that Grace has been able to bless the greater Austin area. We wanted to make sure that the needs of the people around us are being met. We wrote a check this week for \$25,000 to Austin Disaster Relief Network. ADRN is helping families in financial crisis. They're also setting up opportunities for people to receive counseling. And they have a city-wide prayer initiative. So, we did that. Also, this week we wrote a check for \$25,000 to Central Texas Food Bank. You might have seen on the news the long lines of cars lining up to make sure they can have their families fed. And the Food Bank has been taxed by that. And because of this season that we're in, there's a matching fund to the Central Texas Food Bank, and so effectively we gave \$50,000 to Central Texas Food Bank. So, Grace, keep up the great work at being generous and we can spread that generosity throughout the city of Austin. I just wanted to say thank you.

Introduction

[Kevin Maurice]

Good morning, church. My name is Kevin Maurice and I'm the youth pastor here at Grace. And I'm so thankful that we as a community can continue to gather together to study God's word and glorify Him wherever we are.

And I'm really excited because today and next Sunday I have the privilege to preach on a topic of incredible significance. Because we're going to talk about Heaven. And Grace, along with churches around Austin are teaching a series called *What's After* – What's after this life.

And the timing of this series is appropriate, not only because of a global pandemic that is raising our overall awareness of mortality – but also because last Sunday was Easter! And as we celebrated the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Pastor Matt taught us of the assurance, the certainty, that we have in our eternity and our salvation. Not because of ourselves but because of what Christ has done, we can be absolutely certain that, as followers of Jesus, we will go to Heaven.

And that should give us great hope because every single one of us is going to die. But because of eternity, because of Heaven, we can live with hope. George Herbert, a 17th century priest and poet, wrote – **“Death used to be an executioner, the Gospel makes him just a gardener.”** Meaning, death used to crush us, destroy, obliterate us, but now, for those who are in Christ, all death can do is plant us in God's soil until we become something extraordinary.

Because of Resurrection Sunday, we can be certain of our eternal destiny. So, let's ask– What will eternity be like? What is Heaven going to be like? And that's a profound question. Because how we answer that question reveals so much about our theology. And also, what we believe about God and how do we know. What we believe about God and how do we know – that's theology and epistemology.

And I'll tell you, as I prepared this sermon, I found that Heaven is a more difficult subject to talk about than I thought. Because, in my life, so much of what I have believed about Heaven was influenced or swayed by movies and songs and paintings, things people said at funerals. There are even stories of near-death experiences that, if true, give us a glimpse of what's after this life. And there are plenty of books written about Heaven, some of them are quite good.

And these various contributors, they can help us point to Heaven and they may even scratch the surface of what it's like. They might contain a kernel or even a great deal of truth.

But the fact is, many of us have a pre-shaped theology of Heaven, whether we realize it or not, that's not fully biblical because it's been formed by all of these other sources.

What we believe about Heaven reveals what we believe about God and how do we know. So, our primary source, our ultimate authority on the eternal will always be the Word of God itself. And here's what the Bible says about Heaven [1 Corinthians 2:9-10]: **9 "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived — are the things God has prepared for those who love him" — 10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.** No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no one has imagined the magnificence of Heaven because it is too much to fathom. And yet, and YET, and this is so cool, there are certain things about Heaven that Scripture and God's Spirit have revealed to us.

So, as we explore God's Word today, I want to very humbly ask you to open your Bible with me and as we study Heaven, if there is something new or something different than you previously thought, hoped or believed – would you continue to study and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to you? Some of us may have to relinquish a previously held belief. All of us need to trust God's Word to us.

Today, we get to discuss what Heaven will be like and we're asking, *What does the Bible say about it?* So, please turn with me to Revelation chapter 21. And our passage today gives us, I believe, three clear reports of what Heaven will be like. We get three vibrant visions that help us to better see and understand our eternal destination. And I've got to tell you – this description of Heaven – it's awesome. I've been really excited all week to share this with you, so let's get to it.

Revelation 21, starting in verse 1... **Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."**

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

A New and Real Heaven

Wow, I know, that’s a lot, so we’ll spend most of our time right here. But immediately, I think it’s crucial that we see this distinction that, in the end, Heaven is not just a place where Christians escape to when we die. It’s not. Read the passage again. Ultimately, Heaven comes to Earth. After Jesus comes back, be it tomorrow or centuries from now, God creates a New Heaven and a New Earth. And that is where we’ll spend eternity.

Revelation 21 is fantastic because as it goes on you get these descriptors of Heaven – the pearly gates, streets of gold, et cetera – they’re in this chapter and they’re talking about this new Heaven and Earth. God will take the Earth and He will recreate it. Most theologians believe this isn't two separate places, Heaven and Earth; it’s going to be one, rolled, kneaded, into one eternal dwelling place. And for the sake of time this morning, I’ll refer to this new Heaven and Earth simply as Heaven.

So that’s our first truth about Heaven today – it’s going to be new and real. Heaven will be new and real. Verse 1 says, **I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth, for the first Heaven and the first Earth had passed away...**

I remember learning this several years ago, when I was in college, and I was shocked. Because I’d never heard this before. Theologian N.T. Wright says, **“Our culture is so fixated on dying and going to heaven when the whole of Scripture is actually about heaven coming to earth.”** There’s a view of Heaven as an alternative to or a respite from this world and this life. But that’s not the Bible. Because God’s Word tells us that Heaven is the redemption, the healing, the re-creation of this world and life.

The Bible says it will be new. And there are two words for “new” in the original Greek language of this book. One, *neos*, means “brand new” – mint-condition. The other word, *kainos*, means “remade/restored.” And God called Heaven *kainos* – it’s the world remade. So, Heaven is not this blank, cold, ethereal place that’s completely new and unlike anything where we are. Instead, it’s a renewed, remade place. And the distinction between those two words tells us so

much about Heaven. The fact that God recreates the Earth tells us that anything good or wonderful in this world is a foretaste of what is to come.

And so it seems that the new and real Heaven and Earth includes what God created and loved and was good about this earth, minus the curse of sin. Remember, in the Book of Genesis, God creates the Earth, He looks at this creation and says, “It is good.” He’s looking at the mountains that He capped with snow, and these forests that He’s filled with lush trees and these rivers that He colored sapphire blue. And He looks at these things and he says, “This is good.” And studying the Bible, you see that God’s act of re-creation would include so much of the same good.

My wife and I visited Seattle a few years ago. And we spent a day driving to and exploring Mt. Rainier. We really wanted to see this mountain. But when we got there, it was entirely obscured by fog. You couldn’t see a thing. But, we thought, maybe as the day goes on the fog will lift, or if we can get to a certain vantage point and see beyond it, we’ll be able to catch a glimpse of the mountain maybe. And so, we started hiking, and we climbed for about an hour. We were following this trail. And the higher we got, the less noise we hear from traffic back in the parking lot and the more we could hear the crunch of leaves beneath our feet and the pebbles shifting. The further along we went, the more we could smell the pine from the trees and the rain that had brought out this freshness in the air.

We even came across this trickling glacier melt from the summit, and we were able to taste what was there but just beyond our sight, still veiled behind the fog. After some time, we finally turned around and descended and Kate, to this day, still hasn’t seen that mountain. She still hasn’t seen Mt. Rainier. But we encountered a foretaste of it. And we still talk about that day, because even though we only experienced a hint of what was truly there, we know it was truly there. We saw a glimpse of it.

And, similarly, that’s how this Earth speaks to us about Heaven. Because as “real” as the Earth seems to us now, it is only a precursor. It’s just a taste. Peter Kreeft, a theologian and philosopher, says it this way – **“If earth is an image of heaven, we know at least three things about heaven. First, it is more real, more substantial than earth. We usually think of it as somehow thin, wispy and cloudy. But it is the Earth that is as wispy as a wind...Second, this means that heaven has more dimensions than earth, not fewer...and third, heaven is clearer, more detailed and specific than earth, not vaguer.”**

Heaven is a new and real place.

And in that place we're going to have new and real bodies. In fact, our bodies will be perfected. No flaws, no decay. 1 Corinthians 15 says – **42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.**

We don't just evaporate. We won't turn into bodiless, floating spirits. We don't become angels. No, in the same way that the Earth will be re-created, so too will our bodies. And we have an example of what a resurrected body is like. Scripture calls Jesus the "first fruits" of the resurrection. First fruits are the initial part of a harvest – they give you a sampling of what's to come. Jesus was raised with an actual body and that offers a clue to what ours may be like. His real body -- there was a physicality to it. People touched Him and recognized Him. He walked around. He ate food. But at the same time, the material world didn't have the same power over this body. Death couldn't grasp it. He ascends into Heaven. It's a very real but also a very different kind of body. And the Bible tells us that Christ will transform our bodies to be like His - new and real, perfected.

And the fact that we'll have real bodies in a real place suggests that we'll be able to move around. We'll be able to run and jump. We'll explore and hike and climb. Because if Earth is a foretaste of Heaven and so much of Earth contains God's glory and is a testament to His creative beauty and the opportunity to experience it, then I believe Heaven will as well.

And then, check this out – I am so happy about this -- we're going to get to eat in Heaven. We are. Several times in the Bible, Heaven is described as a feast. Which, I've got to tell you, sounds fantastic. The Book of Isaiah says of Heaven: **On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines.**

The best of meats – do you know what that means? We're getting Franklin's BBQ in Heaven. And none of that lean stuff, we're talking prime cuts. That's awesome. And then the wine. At first I thought, *Wait, isn't this verse kind of repetitive?* He says "wine" twice. But it hit me, No, it's not redundant. God is helping us to see that Heaven isn't just any old dinner party; the point is that it's a feast. This is a banquet with the finest of wine – and we're not running out.

And just look at the parallels between this description of Heaven and other passages in the Bible. Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding reception and He turns water into wine – the best wine at that celebration. What does the father do for the prodigal son when his child comes home? He throws an incredible feast with the fattened calf – that's the good stuff. And the night before He's crucified, Jesus lifts a cup of wine and says, "I'll drink this again with you again in my Father's Kingdom." Heaven will be a new and real place. We're going to have new and real bodies. And it's going to be a feast.

Now, this ultimate reality is not here yet because Jesus hasn't returned. So, what about believers who die before Christ's return? Where do we go in the meantime? The Bible does tell us that when we die we will be with God. 2 Corinthians 5 says that **to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.** Revelation 21 mentioned an old Heaven. So, believers who die go to Heaven. But Scripture indicates that the current Heaven is a temporary place, more of a layover than the destination.

Now, Jesus himself calls this place "Paradise." Speaking to a thief on the cross next to Him, Jesus says [Luke 23], **"Truly I tell you, today, you will be with me in Paradise."** Now, we're not entirely sure what that means. Again, most of the descriptions of Heaven in the Bible are of the new Heaven and Earth.

But what we do know about where we go before Christ's return is that it's Heaven, we are with God and it's a paradise. So, first truth – Heaven will be new and real.

Relationships in Heaven

Our second report about Heaven is that we will have relationships. Revelation 21, verse 3: **And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."**

In Heaven, we'll have a fully-realized relationship with God himself! Through Christ, we are reconciled to God the Father and we are able to spend eternity with Him. The next chapter in Revelation says that we will see God face to face. And please don't miss this – this relationship with God will be the absolute joy of Heaven. It will be impossible to feel that God is far away. We will not just think about Him, we'll be face to face with our Creator. We'll see Him, talk

with Him, we'll walk with Him, and explore the infinite expanse of eternity with Him. This is what we were made for, and in Heaven, it's what we get to experience forever.

My wife has said before that in Heaven she's going to ask God about the deepest parts of the ocean, like what is way down there where light doesn't even reach? She's always wanted to know. I used to laugh and think that this kind of question to God was a joke, because we should ask really theological, high-minded questions of God. But now I think, *Why should a question like that be a joke?* We'll be with God. We're about to see in this passage that He calls us His children. And if I, as a parent, enjoy talking with and answering my four-year-old's questions about why the sky is blue or why elephants have long and big ears, then I believe our Heavenly Father is going to laugh and answer our questions too, because we'll enjoy a relationship with Him. It's a relationship.

And wait, there's more – because God, in His glory, also chooses to give us relationships with one another! Because it's a feast! And you don't celebrate alone, you invite the whole family! Verse 3 mentions the people of God. That's us! The church, the bride of Christ -- throughout history, we will experience perfect unity together. That means no shame with one another, no hurt feelings or misunderstandings, no dishonesty, none of the things that affect our current interactions. Part of the joy of Heaven will be in the redeemed relationships we experience with other believers.

And how much are we missing relationships right now? I mean, a blurry FaceTime call or that internet-lagged Zoom meeting are okay, I guess. But come on -- can you even imagine the first Sunday that we're all back together here? I'm going to get here so early! The lobby and the courtyard are going to be so noisy and crowded between the services, we might as well bring sack lunches because we're all going to stay late. Because we'll be reunited! And we'll talk and we'll hug and we'll just be together. Man, I'm looking forward to that!

And how much more so in Heaven?

Relationships with other believers that bring you joy here on Earth – imagine that bond made perfect. Perfect fellowship with your friends, with your spouse and children; with your siblings, your mom or dad, hey, even with your mother-in-law! Now, these relationships are going to look different. Jesus tells us, for example, marriage is something that exists here on Earth but not in Heaven, so certain aspects of our relationships will be different. But they'll be absolutely perfect.

Relationships also means reunions -- reunions with loved ones in Christ who have died.

1 Thessalonians 4 tells us – **¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him...¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.**

In Heaven we will be reunited with those who have died before us. Jonathan Edwards, one of America's greatest preachers, taught a sermon on Heaven in the 1700's and he encouraged his church. And he told them this: **Every Christian friend that goes before us from this world is a ransomed spirit waiting to welcome us in Heaven. There will be the infant that we have lost below, through grace to be found above. There will be the Christian father, and mother, and wife, and child, and friend, with whom we shall renew the holy fellowship of the saints, which was interrupted by death here, but shall be commenced again in the upper sanctuary, and then shall never end.**

Was there a grandparent that prayed over you as a child, whose voice you're beginning to forget because they've been gone a while? Or your mom or your dad who taught you about the Lord and maybe even led you to Christ? But now maybe their mind is starting to drift, or they've already passed away. Maybe a friend that died suddenly, and there's someone you miss just praying with and talking to and laughing with.

Or a beloved husband or wife who ran the race of faith and spurred you on to the same but they're no longer running here. Or, perhaps, you've grieved the loss of a child. Maybe you even had the name picked out, and a room decorated, but you never even got to meet him or her before death took that life.

We grieve death, and we should. It's a horrible, ugly thing. It was not meant to be. But we do not grieve without hope. Because Death is not the end. There is an eternity after this and that is not just my personal hope or an optimistic belief. Study the Bible, look at what God says about who He is and what He's done and what Heaven is like. Because in a real place, and with a new body, at a feast, you will reunite with that son or daughter, husband or wife, your cherished

friend, father, mother, grandparent. Because when Christ defeated death He did so to bring us back into relationship with himself and He restores true fellowship with one another. **The joy of Heaven will be our relationship with God and there He will bless us with relationships with one another.**

Freedom in Heaven

Heaven will be new and real. We'll have relationships. And finally, third description of Heaven this morning – we will experience **freedom** -- both freedom from and freedom for. Revelation 21: 4 – **He will wipe away every tear from our eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore for the former things have passed away.**

In Heaven, we'll experience true freedom from sin and the effects of sin. All of the consequences that have affected mankind since that fateful decision in the Garden – they'll be no more. That means no more pain, no more death, no more sadness. Every broken heart, every moment of anguish, every experience of agony – emotional, physical, spiritual, relational hurt – no more. We will have freedom from that. And when you get to heaven a hand, THE hand, that formed your inmost being, THE hand that put stars in the sky and shaped you before you came into this world, THE hand with a nail mark through the middle of it, will ever so gently and knowingly wipe away that final tear from your cheek and say – “Not here, kiddo. No more.”

C.S. Lewis, wrote a book about Heaven called *The Great Divorce*. It's fictional, but it contains some really profound insight and even some good theology. And in the book, one of the characters who has been in Heaven for a while tells a newcomer that what we don't understand is that pain doesn't exist anymore in Heaven. It just doesn't. He says, **This is what mortals misunderstand. They say of some temporal suffering, “No future bliss can make up for it,” not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory.**

In Heaven, we'll have freedom from sin and brokenness. We're also going to experience freedom for– freedom for our true purpose. You can jump down to Revelation 21:7 – **Those who are victorious will inherit all of this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.**

Freedom for our true purpose as children, sons and daughters, princes and princesses of the King. The Bible even calls us “co-heirs” with Christ. That’s our destiny! That’s who we’ll be free to be forever. This is the renewed, perfected purpose that God originally gave to Adam and Eve in the garden – to be with Him, to serve Him, to rule over all His creation.

And so, because of this, I believe, that means we’ll get work to do in Heaven. Part of our purpose as children of God will be in **servicing**. In Genesis, before sin entered the world, there was work. God gave Adam and Eve a job to do. And so, it’s realistic that we will have jobs too. We’ll have work to do. And it’ll be meaningful, and significant and worthwhile because it will be what we were made for and what we were made to do.

We’re going to be fully free in our identity as children of God. And after that final tear is shed, we’ll have freedom from sin and hurt and pain. And that, Church, is what Heaven is going to be like.

Isaac Asimov, a science fiction writer, once said in an interview, “I don’t believe in an afterlife. So, I don’t have to spend my whole life fearing hell, or fearing heaven even more. For whatever the tortures of hell, I think the boredom of heaven would be even worse.” He feared that Heaven would be boring – and I’ll tell you, if Heaven were just the lot of us in white robes on fluffy clouds playing harps for eternity, I might be inclined to agree with him. But that’s not what it’s going to be like.

Because this is what the Bible says about Heaven. The Word of God gives us such a compelling vision of eternity. Heaven cannot be boring because it’s where God dwells. It’s our eternal home. It will be new and real. It’ll be the most real place that we’ve ever known. And we’ll have new bodies there. We’re going to enjoy relationships – most importantly with God himself – and also, with each other. And we’re going to be free. We’ll discover a freedom from sin that we’ve never encountered and we’ll be free to live into our true purpose. No, Heaven will not be boring.

Application

So, where do we go from here? What do we do with this greater understanding of Heaven? How should we live life here, in light of Eternity? That’s exactly what we’re going to explore together next week. So, join us again next Sunday as we study how to live meaningfully here on Earth while we’re in the shadow of Heaven.

But to close our time today, and we're almost done, so just hang with me, but I want to encourage you to do two things – two things that you can do this week and, also, for the rest of your life because of the truth of the hope that we have in Heaven. First, **study God's Word.** Reconcile what you believe and how do you know. Is your view of Heaven a cloudy picture or a wishful fantasy, or is your belief in Heaven rooted in the authority of the Bible? Because for an accurate view of Heaven, we need the right source. And we can study the Bible because God's Word is available to each and every one of us.

As I've tried to convey the truth of Heaven to you this morning, I feel limited by my own understanding of eternity, by the time constraints that we have, and the right words to say. It feels like I'm trying to describe something that's beyond explanation – because that's exactly what I'm doing. So, here's the thing, there is so much more to Heaven than just the three things I summarized this morning. There are more passages, throughout the Bible, that illuminate our eternal destiny. And you can study them, and you can search the Scriptures and apply good, biblical theology to your understanding of this world and your life and what's after. Study God's Word. Read what He says.

Secondly, **imagine eternity!** Do that this week. Make some time this week to imagine eternity, to contemplate, to ponder Heaven. Go outside in the morning, take your cup of coffee, bring a notebook and a pen and your Bible and open to Revelation 21 and read it. And then, just imagine. With Scripture in mind, what do you picture Heaven is going to be like?

Write down some hopes for how that real and new place is going to look. What do you imagine your body is going to be like and feel like? What perfected relationship or what reunion are you looking forward to? What's it going to be like to be with God? What kind of questions are you going to ask Jesus?

Spend some time each day. Just close your eyes or put on some music or go for a walk or a run and use that time to dream. And set your heart and your mind on heaven. And take time to imagine eternity.

You're stuck at home for a while longer, right? What better opportunity to study God's Word and consider and contemplate what is after this life? If you are in Christ, you have an eternal destiny in Heaven. You can be certain of that. And that means you can live here with great hope.

Would you please pray with me?

Father, we come before You and we are humbled and we are thankful because of who you are and what You've done for us. I thank You for Your Son, because in Him and through Him we have life – eternal life. God, we thank You for Your Word that gives us the hope and the images and descriptions of what we are looking forward to expectantly. God, we thank You for everything You've done for us and we ask that You continue to give us hope in this world and hope for eternity. Thank You again for Jesus. It's in His name that we pray. Amen.

Thank you, church. We'll see you again next week as continue our discussion of Heaven and how we live life here with Heaven in mind. Thanks again.