The Four Heavens Gen 1.1

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The Point: We are in the last days that lead to a final destination.

The Question: How do I enter the fourth heaven?

Two great deceptions

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Heaven 1 The Divine Heaven: God's very being, His pure divine essence

Matt 6.9

John 3.13

1 Tim 6.16

Heaven 2 The physical heavens: the skies above, outer space

Gen 1.1

Matt 24.30

Heaven 3 The Angelic Heaven: God's present throne room

Dan 7.9-10

Rev 4.1-4

Our temporary residence after the body dies

Heaven 4 The Final Future Heaven: Our Eternal Home

John 14.2-3

Rev 21.1-2

Two criteria-Conception and accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior

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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The heavens and one earth. One heaven exists that was never created. Two heavens created; one as a place to hang the earth and proclaim His glory to humanity and the other as a place for the angels to exist and give Him glory. A final heaven yet to be created replacing the other two. Goodness, it sounds like something from the pen of J. R. R. Tolkien.

Every second, 7.5 babies are born and on a path to an end; 450 human souls every minute. Thirteen thousand five hundred in the course of this sermon. Conversely, 1.8 people pass on into eternity every second, 108 every minute, and 3,240 every half hour. All humanity is on course to an eternal home. Every soul in a mother's womb on the same journey.

Two great deceptions the enemy proposes, and many believe, are these. First, there is no afterlife and, therefore, no heaven. My favorite SiFi writer Isaac Asimov said of death, "I expect to enter the great sleep of no dreams." The second is more tragic than the first: Everyone goes to heaven. Tragic because it excuses God's holy law (Deut 6.5/Lev 19.18).

The first Heaven is uncreated because it is God's divine nature. God did not create it to dwell in—it is his essence. Our Father in heaven. No angel or man has ever been or will ever be there. Sorry, Moses Exo 33.

The second Heaven is everything in the universe that is not the earth: sky, starry sky, universe visible through a telescope, and beyond aided vision. You can visit it by plane and rocketship!

The Angelic Heaven is the third heaven created for God's holy angels, and all the saved when they depart this life. There, we will have a recognizable form and intact memories and be recognizable to others. Then, finally, we will see the Glorified Jesus! And here we wait in God's throne room for our resurrection bodies and the creation of the fourth heaven—our eternal home Fourth Heaven—your eternal home.

Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? If it is, your room is reserved.