# The Right Path

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#### Paradise & Heaven

Some of the most beautiful words spoken to us from the Holy Bible, the inspired word of God, are "Paradise" and "Heaven.

These beautiful words bring about such a hope and joy when you think about going there someday.

There is just but one way there and that is through the Son of God our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 23:43, John 14:6). He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18-20), and there are no doctrines, commands, or rules (Matthew 15:3, Matthew 15:9, Colossians 2:20-23, Titus 1:13-14, 1 John 2:4) that have been created by man no matter how sincere or compassionate they might look or sound they will not bring you home to God our Father in the new heavens and new earth (Isaiah 65:17, 2 Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 21:1-6).

There are many false beliefs and false teachings that are in these self-made religions that are called denominational churches, independent, community or city churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, shrines, palaces, ministries, and individuals preaching that they can guide

you to Paradise or Heaven, they cannot! The truth be told they can only guide you to condemnation in eternal torment and agony.

There is only one true church (the body) of the Lord (<u>Romans 16:16</u>, <u>Colossians 1:17-20</u>) and that church is made up of the faithful baptized believers that seek the eternal kingdom of God and Christ (<u>Acts 8:12</u>, <u>Acts 28:31</u>, <u>Ephesians 5:5</u>, <u>Colossians 1:13-15</u>, <u>2 Timothy 4:1</u>, <u>2 Peter 1:11</u>, Revelation 11:15).

Our God and Father has given us His word through His Son our Lord Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Apostles and Prophets and the Lord's brothers the hope of good news of salvation (Psalms 118:22-23, Isaiah 28:16, Matthew 21:42, Acts 4:10-12, Ephesians 2:13-22, 1 Peter 2:6-8).

God's Son our Lords Jesus Christ has given us and through His Apostles and His brothers James and Jude His words, teachings, and commandments for us to obey and follow (Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:15-24, Acts 2:41-42, Hebrews 10:19-25 NASB, James 1:1-10, Peter 1:1-2, 1 John 1:1-10, Jude 1:1-25 NASB) for our salvation.

God our Father through His Son and the Holy Spirit have given us their word in the written inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:16 NASB) for us to be able to go to paradise and then unto heaven (Revelation 2:7 ASV).

#### **Strong's Concordance**

paradeisos: a park, a garden, a paradise

From the Greek: παράδεισος Strong's number: <u>G3857</u> Transliteration: paradeisos

**Definition; park**, i.e. (specially), an Eden (place of future happiness, "paradise")

**Derivation:** of Oriental origin (compare H6508);

#### **HELPS Word-studies**

3857 parádeisos – an ancient Persian word meaning "enclosure, garden, park."

Strong's Concordance pardes: a preserve, park From the Hebrew: EFFO Strong's number: H6508
Transliteration: pardês

**Definition;** of foreign origin; a park: — forest, orchard.

Strong's Concordance shamayim: heaven, sky From the Hebrew: שַׁמִים Strong's number: <u>H8064</u> Transliteration: "šâmaiym"

**Definition:** dual of an unused singular שָׁמֶה shameh; from an unused root meaning to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve): — air, x astrologer, heaven(-s).

# Strong's Concordance shamayin: heavens

From the Aramaic: שָׁמֵין Strong's number: <u>H8065</u>. **Transliteration:** šâmaiyn

**Definition:** (corresponding to H8064) heaven, heavens, sky visible, sky Heaven

(as abode of God)

#### **Strong's Concordance**

ouranos: heaven

From the Greek: οὐρανός Strong's number: <u>G3772</u> Transliteration: ouranos

**Definition:** perhaps from the same as 3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specially, the Gospel (Christianity): — air, heaven(-ly), sky.

These scriptural references are written so we can understand what Paradise and Heaven mean and how to get there.

#### Genesis 1:1

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

#### Matthew 3:2

2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

#### Matthew 3:16-17

16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

#### Matthew 5:3-16

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

#### Luke 23:39-43

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

#### John 3:3-7

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

#### John 3:10-21

10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God So Loved the World 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:1

1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:6-11

6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. The Ministry of Reconciliation 11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

#### Ephesians 4:1-7

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

#### Hebrews 10:35-39

35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. 37 For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

#### Hebrews 11:1-3

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible

### Hebrews 12:18-24

8 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. .

#### 2 Peter 1:3-11

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Revelation 2:7 ASV

<sup>7</sup> He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

#### Revelation 2:10-11

10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

#### Revelation 5:5-14

5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." 6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

#### Revelation 21:1-5

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

#### Conclusion

These were just but some of the many scriptural passages and verses that give us an understanding of the truths about Paradise and Heaven. The Lord has given us His word that if we follow His word, being humble, being faithful, loving, kind, compassionate, forgiving, and obedient as the children of God (Romans 5:1-11, Galatians 5:16-6:10, Ephesians 4:17-5:21, James 1:2:12, 2 Peter 3:10-18) we will live eternally with God our Father, Our Lord Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit and all the blessed in the new heavens and new earth (Isaiah 65:17-18, Hebrews 12:18-24, Revelation 21:1-8).

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