

About Heaven

Randy Alcorn's 500-page book, *Heaven*, is wonderful. Worth reading. But here is my 200-word contribution -

First, Jesus confirmed heaven's reality when he said, "I came down from heaven." John 6:38.

Second, note heaven's importance - it gets mentioned 750 times in the Bible!

Third, with whom can we share heaven? - "our Father in heaven". Matthew 6:9.

Fourth, for believers, God has "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled . . . reserved in heaven". 1 Peter 1:3,4. And it is where "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain"! Revelation 21:4. Sounds good to me!

Fifth, how big is the God of heaven? "Heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain" him! 2 Chronicles 6:18. He can nevertheless limit or "miniaturise" his presence to one place - for example, on his heavenly throne. Hebrews 12:2.

God also "miniaturised" himself when, as Jesus, he "became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14. It's why he was called *Immanuel*, which means "God with us". Matthew 1:23.

Sixth, events to take place around God's throne in heaven are vividly described in Revelation chapters 4 and 5.

Exciting stuff! Will you be there?

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A grand reunion in heaven with Christian loved ones and friends is coming. "Therefore comfort one another with these words." See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

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