

The background of the entire cover is a night landscape. In the foreground, there is a dense, dark forest of evergreen trees. Behind the forest, several mountain peaks are visible, their slopes covered in a layer of snow. The sky above the mountains is a deep, dark blue, filled with numerous stars and a prominent, glowing band of the Milky Way galaxy that stretches across the upper half of the image. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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Introduction

How many times have you thought about Heaven in the last week? Unless a person close to you has died, Heaven may not have crossed your mind. But since you have this book in your hand, I assume you want to know more about Heaven.

Everyone has questions about life after death. I've tried to base my answers on what God tells us about Heaven in the Bible. (In the Scripture I cite throughout this book, I use God's personal name, Yahweh, wherever "the LORD" appears in English Bibles. This is not changing God's Word into something it doesn't say, but changing it back to what it actually does say in the original Hebrew text.)

The eternal Heaven—the New Earth—is a place where you can live forever someday—a place without fear, anger, sadness, or sickness. It's also a place full of beauty, joy, activity, and rest when you need it. It's a place where you can live with the wonderful and fascinating God who created you. And it's a place where you can meet all sorts of interesting people who will be your friends forever.

I hope you enjoy exploring the New Earth in this book.

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Why Should We Look Forward to Heaven?

We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord
Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting
for him to return as our Savior.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20

Do I really need to think about Heaven?

Before I travel, I like to learn as much as I can about my final destination. It helps me get excited about the time I'll be spending there. Scripture says, "We are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth [God] has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13). But we won't really anticipate going there unless we know something about its attractions.

So if Heaven—"the new heavens and new earth"—will be your home someday, wouldn't you like to discover all you can about it now?

Some people have the idea that in Heaven they'll be sitting around on clouds wearing funny clothes and strumming a harp. People who think that are afraid that Heaven will be...well...boring.

It's not. Heaven is a place worth thinking and talking and dreaming about. Once you understand what the Bible says about Heaven—especially when you learn to think of it in terms of the New Earth—you'll look forward to living there.







What Can We Know about Heaven?

He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone...The glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.

REVELATION 21:10-11, 23

Is Heaven a real place?

Do you wonder how we can know anything about Heaven—a place we can't see? Well, God has revealed unseen things to us in the Bible, including things about Heaven.

Many people doubt that Heaven is a physical place. They believe people in Heaven float around like ghosts. But the Bible tells us that Heaven is just as real as planet Earth. We're human beings. We're not made to live as ghosts in a ghostly place; we're made to live on Earth. In fact, as we'll explore in this book, God calls the Heaven we'll live on forever the "New Earth."

If we know Jesus, we'll enter the present Heaven when we die. He promises to bring us back with Him at His second coming, after which we will eventually live together always on the New Earth—a world with land, trees, water, animals, and human beings. It will be a new and eternal Eden-like Paradise.

So as you enjoy these beautiful photographs, think of them as just a sampling of the beauty of God's coming New Earth.

Of course, there are many things about Heaven we won't know until we get there. On Earth there are pleasant surprises and unpleasant surprises, but in Heaven God will give us only pleasant ones. And He has prepared them especially for us.



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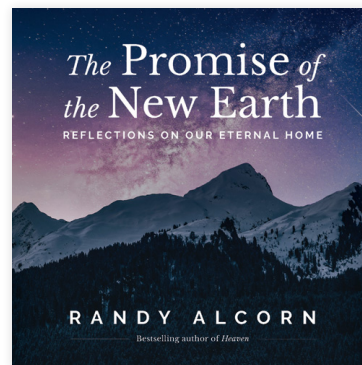
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Have you ever wondered what Heaven will be like?

The Promise of the New Earth combines solid biblical teaching gleaned from Randy Alcorn's best-selling book, *Heaven*, with beautiful photography to create a gift book to be treasured. Many Christians think about the present Heaven, where Christians go now when they die, but have never considered the future Heaven, after the resurrection, which will be a physical place occupied by physical people who will live forever with Jesus and all those who love Him.

One day, those who know Jesus really will experience Heaven on Earth.

This refreshed version of Randy's book *The Promise of Heaven* features all new photographs and some brand-new content. It makes a wonderful gift, especially to those who are grieving or need to learn about our eternal hope in Jesus. Hardcover, 96 pages.



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