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Who Will You Be With in Heaven

> *After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could number.*
> **REVELATION 7:9**

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Scripture gives us a window
we often pass without pausing
to see what's on the other side.

But when we pause and look,
we see heaven.

It's a city.
(Rev. 21:2; Heb. 12:22)

It's a throne.
(Rev. 4:2; Isa. 6:1)

It's glory beyond imagining.
(Rev. 21:23; 1 Pet. 1:11)

But the part we may miss
is that it's also a gathering.
(Heb. 12:22–24)

Hebrews says we have come
to Mount Zion,
to the city of the living God,
to the heavenly Jerusalem,
to innumerable angels in joyful assembly,
to the church of the firstborn,
to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
and to Jesus,
the mediator of a new covenant.
(Heb. 12:22–24)

Heaven isn't just a place.
(Rev. 21:2; John 14:3)

It’s a people.
(Rev. 7:9)

A family.
(Eph. 2:19)

A gathering.
(Heb. 12:22–24)

When we die, we do not enter isolation.
We enter assembly.
(Luke 16:22; Phil. 1:23)

We join the worship of angels.
(Rev. 5:11–12)

We enter the joy of the redeemed.
(Rev. 7:9–10)

We join the presence of Jesus.
(John 14:3)

We enter the welcome of the Father.
(Matt. 25:34)

This is the picture Hebrews gives—
a city filled with celebration,
a gathering filled with joy,
a people made perfect,
and a Savior who stands among them.

It’s the opposite of the rich man’s loneliness.
(Luke 16:23)

It’s the opposite of separation.
(Luke 16:26)

It’s the opposite of regret.
(Luke 16:27–28)

Heaven is recognition.
(Luke 16:23)

Heaven is reunion.
(Matt. 8:11)

Heaven is belonging.
(Rev. 21:3)

You may not know this about Jesus:
He spoke of heaven as a feast,
a banquet,
a table filled with guests,
a celebration with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
(Matt. 8:11)

Heaven isn’t quiet halls.
It’s a great assembly.
A gathering of God’s people,
alive,
aware,
welcomed,
and home.

This is the hope Scripture gives—
that when we leave this world,
we do not enter emptiness.
We enter the company of heaven.

The assembly of the Father.
The joy of the angels.
The presence of Jesus.
The family of God.

Heaven isn’t only where Christ is.
It’s where His people are together,
and where we will be gathered with them.
(John 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:17)