

## Day Four

*"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'*

*-Matthew 6:9-13*

### Who is in heaven....

*"Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. -Matthew 23:9*

Job asked the question. *"Oh that I knew where I might find Him, That I might come to His seat! -Job 23:3.* Who among us has not wondered where heaven is? We know it is up, but which up? "Northern Hemisphere" up, or "Southern Hemisphere" up?

Paul relates a vision he had to the Church at Corinth: *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a man was caught up to the third heaven. -2*

*Corinthians 12:2.* It is interesting to note that he calls it *"the third heaven"*. It has long been taught that the "first heaven" is the atmosphere we live and breathe in here on earth. The "second heaven" is outer space where lies the moon, planets, suns and all the galaxies. The "third heaven" is where God dwells and rules from.

We have accounts by several writers in the Sacred Scriptures that relate visions to us concerning the dwelling place of God. Most notably are Ezekiel and John the Apostle. These are symbolic to give us the sense of the awesomeness of God's abode. *Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. -Revelation 4:2-3*

Paul tells Timothy further of the dwelling place of God: *who alone possesses immortality and*

*dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen. -1 Timothy 6:16.*

Since the days when Adam and Eve were cast from the Garden of Eden, God has longed for the fellowship of man in heaven. To that end, He has provided a way that man can once again "walk with Him" as did the couple in the garden. Jesus told His disciples just prior to His death that He was to leave them so that He might prepare for our arrival. *"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. -John 14:2-3.*

We simply cannot know what heaven looks like. How can one imagine that which John described and think that it can defy the laws that now bind us here in this dimension of a world we now live in? *but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." -1 Corinthians 2:9*

Heaven is the dwelling place of God Almighty and with Him at His right hand is Christ: *Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. -Romans 8:34b.* With God the Father and Jesus are the angels that serve Him. *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven. - Matthew 18:10. "Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. -Deuteronomy 10:14*

*Prayerful Thoughts: Father, our prayers ascend to Thee in heaven, where You sit in glory.*