

John 12:9-11

Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

I remember several years ago, a friend gave me a popular book, which was the account of a young boy dying and supposedly going to heaven and coming back to life. The book was supposed to be what this little boy saw in heaven. Honestly, that's all I know about the book, because I did not read it, nor did I have a desire to read it, because if I want to know the truth about heaven, I just read the book written by the One who created heaven.

† **Genesis 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Not only that, but if you read your bible, you read of actual things that are in heaven.

† **Isaiah 6:1-4** *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*

† **Ezekiel 1:15-21** *Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them. When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.*

These are just a few of the things in the bible that describe heaven and God's Throne. Yet how many will run to read a book that someone wrote, and believe it over reading the bible?

My brother-in-law and his wife just built a new home. They designed it, and it was constructed to what they wanted it to be. Now I can try to describe it to you by saying that there are two or

three bedrooms, there is a kitchen, a dining room, a living room and two or three bathrooms. There is a garage and a patio with a sliding glass door leading to the backyard that has trees in it, and a front door with a door knob and a lock on it. But reading that would not make you want to go see this house. But if my brother-in-law described it to you, he would go into great detail describing all of it, including the furnishing, how it was built, all the cool things that are in it that you can not see to make it his, and his wife's dream home. After he described it to you, then you would want to go see it for yourself.

That's what these books are like, I don't want some man made account of heaven, I want the truth about heaven, and what God says about it. Because when I read the bible and the things I read about heaven, they make me want to go there and see these things for myself.

If you read today's devotional verse it says "*that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.*" But it never says that they went to ask Lazarus what he saw when he died, but rather that "*the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.*" That tells me that even though people will see a miracle, still they will reject Jesus and even question those who God uses, rejecting them also.

So don't run out to buy the latest book of someone's interpretation of heaven, or even of God or Jesus. Read the book where the Author is not only the writer, but also the builder and creator of all things, the BIBLE!!! Once you do, then you too will have the desire to go there and experience them for yourself.

† **John 14:1-4** *Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And 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. And where I go you know, and the way you know.*

† **John 20:31** *but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*