Heaven
The Ultimate Reward for Righteousness
1 Pet. 1:4

Introduction:
A. We need to think and talk about heaven more – too earth bound (cf. Slave & Master)
   1. "Heaven" is N.T. over 250 times
      a. Sometimes refers to universe beyond the earth. (Matt. 24:29, 30; Rev. 19:17)
      b. More often refers to dwelling place of God, angels, etc.
      c. The ultimate reward and dwelling place of the righteousness.
B. Heaven should appeal to us for a number of reasons:

Discussion:
I. It Is Beautiful (Rev. 21:9-22:5)
   A. Needs no light but the glory of God and His son.
   B. Figurative language to impress us with its beauty.

II. It Is Eternal
   A. A building of God (a body) that is eternal. (2 Cor. 5:1-3)
      1. A new spiritual body. (1 Cor. 15:50-57)
      2. We shall be like him. (1 John 3:2)
   B. An incorruptible inheritance that fades not away. (1 Pet. 1:4).
      1. Treasure than can not decay nor be stolen. (Matt. 6:20)
      2. Life that never ends. (1 John 2:25)
   C. Eternal happiness. (Rev. 21:4)
      1. Happiness without the need for earthly relationships. (cf. Matt. 22:30)
      2. Happiness worshiping and serving God. (Rev. 7:15-17)

III. It Is Where Righteousness Dwells (2 Pet. 3:10-12)
   A. God, Christ, and angels are there. (Matt. 6:9; Acts 7:55; Matt. 22:30)
   B. Nothing that defiles can enter heaven. (Rev. 21:17)
      1. Will never hear another lie, dirty word or gossiping tongue.
      2. Will never see another sinful act or sinful neglect.
      3. Would never be happy there if we don't give up our love for sin.

IV. It Is God's Reward For Faithfulness (Matt. 5:11, 12)
   A. We should want to go to heaven because it is what God wants for us.
   B. God is rewarder of those who diligently seek him. (Heb. 11:6)
      1. To seek is more than just to find that He really is.
      2. To seek is to seek in view of serving Him. (cf. Matt. 6:33)
   C. God has promised eternal salvation to all who obey Christ. (Heb. 5:8,9)
      2. Obey him to remain faithful. (Rev. 2:10)
      3. Obey him to be restored from backsliding.

Conclusion:
A. Do you want to go to heaven?
   1. How can you expect to go to heaven while living in danger of hell?
   2. Are you one who really wants to go to heaven, but don't want to concerned about now?
B. Do you want to go enough to give up the world and become obedient to Christ?