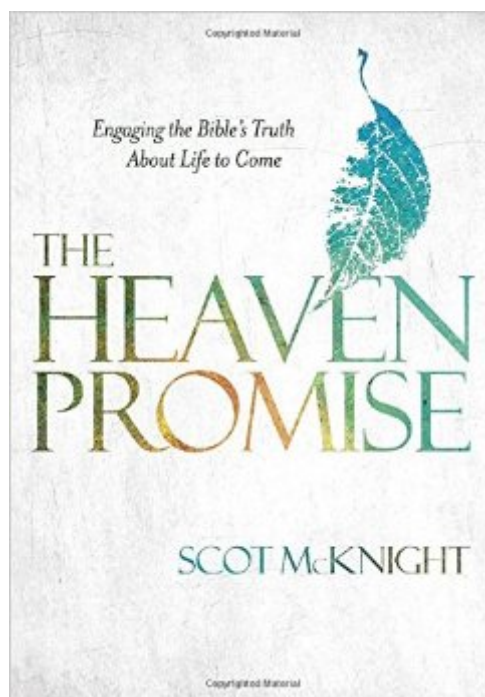


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The Heaven Promise: Engaging The Bible's Truth About Life To Come



Synopsis

Heaven isn't just a dream; it's a promise! For far too long, we've talked about heaven as if it were a dream or someplace that only exists in fairy tales. We want to believe it's real, but with such an expanse of contradictory information, it's difficult to know what to believe. To add even more confusion, we are left to sift through the tales of individuals who say they have crossed over and returned. With so many competing narratives and accounts based on what many think are beyond-death experiences, wouldn't it be nice to have a straightforward examination of what the Bible says about heaven? Best-selling author and New Testament scholar Scot McKnight thought so too. He has penned more than fifty books, including *The Jesus Creed*, and has had a fascination with heaven since he was a child. As a professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary, McKnight is no stranger to academic engagement and scholarly discourse. However, as an ordained deacon, McKnight is well accustomed to the concerns of the everyday thinker. *The Heaven Promise* represents the perfect blend of thoughtful research coupled with an easily digestible presentation. "My hope," McKnight shares, "is that people will be hopeful about heaven." The *Heaven Promise* offers an infusion of hope alongside a healthy anticipation of eternity. After all, heaven isn't just a dream; it's a promise. Heaven. Eternity. The Afterlife. When you mention any of these concepts, people of all ages and from all walks of life are certain to have opinions. How can we know for sure what heaven will be like? According to New Testament scholar and popular author Scot McKnight, all we need to do is to turn to Scripture to answer our questions. McKnight helps you examine God's Word in order to discover what awaits you on the other side of the grave. Using the Bible, McKnight answers the most-frequently-asked questions regarding heaven, including: 1. What about Near-Death Experiences? 2. What about Rewards in Heaven? 3. Who Will Be in Heaven? 4. Is God Fair? 5. Will There Be Families in Heaven? 6. What About Children Who Die? 7. What About Cremation? 8. What About Purgatory? 9. Will There Be Pets in Heaven? 10. Why Believe in Heaven? Heaven isn't the construction of a fairy tale or some mythical narrative. It's very real; it's very good; and it's very much the fulfillment of God's promise to you.

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Customer Reviews

The Heaven Promise: Engaging the Bible's Truth about Life to Come When I first heard of The Heaven Promise (Waterbrook Press) I thought about geography (location) and topography (the landscape) but what Scot McKnight emphasizes in his book is not where heaven is or what it looks like but rather the atmosphere of heaven. What will heaven be like? What will we hear, see, and feel when or if we arrive? In this regard I think the author does a good job. He talks about reconciliation, a place where all is made new and we are restored to the original plan. We will all breathe the air of justice, worship and fellowship. McKnight bases his book on the idea of promise. Heaven is a promise, not just a nice idea, not a reward for compliance but a real promise. He develops that theme around promises related to heaven. God will be God. Jesus will be Jesus. Heaven will be a utopia of pleasures. Heaven will be eternal life. Heaven will be a global fellowship. Heaven will be the eternal beloved community. I appreciated his contrast between those who think heaven and holiness demand a somber affect and way of living and those who have pictured heaven as a place of unbridled pleasure. It does seem that the author emphasizes the earthly component of a future Heaven over an otherworldly dimension of Heaven. God and the angels are somewhere right now and it seems the Bible teaches there will continue to be an outpost of heaven someplace other than on this planet. It sounds like Scot McKnight is saying that God is going to relocate in the future and move everything to this planet. I don't see that in the Bible. That being said over all there was much to like in the book. The christian audio.

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