

# HEAVEN REVEALED

## HEAVEN REVEALED: HEAVEN (PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE)

### Introduction:

Aloha everyone and welcome to our service! Today we are continuing our brand new series, Heaven Revealed. Since the beginning of the year, we've been focusing on Heaven and its relationship to earth. In Matthew 6:10, Jesus instructed His disciples to pray,

*"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," (Matthew 6:10 NIV).*

So we are here to contend for the reality of heaven on earth. But how can we do that if we don't understand what heaven is like? Last week we debunked two common misconceptions about heaven:

1. Heaven cannot be understood (Perspective)
2. The Earth is going to be destroyed (Purpose)

**OG DISCUSSION QUESTION:** *What was your biggest takeaway from Week 1 of our series?*

Instead we discovered that not only are we able to understand heaven, we are instructed to! Remember Paul wrote, "Set your sights on the realities of heaven. Think about the things of heaven." Today we will take a closer look at the second truth, that God's plan is not to destroy the earth but to restore it.

### Restoration

To restore means, "To return (someone or something) to a former condition, place, or position."

Remember the illustration of the 1955 Chevy last week? If you asked someone to restore your Chevy, you wouldn't expect them to bring back a Cadillac. Those are two different things! You'd expect to see your Chevy in brand new condition. In the same way, God is planning to restore creation good as new!

Today we need to go back to the future! Because in order to understand the future of heaven, we need to see what God did in the past. Having a clear picture of the original earth will give us a better picture of how God is going to restore it.

### In the Beginning

<sup>26</sup> *"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground,'" (Genesis 1:26).*