

**Title:** “Heaven, Yes”

**Text:** Luke 23:43: “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in [[paradise]].”

**Take Away:** This one word “paradise” not only cancels out your past, but also gives courage towards your future.

**Target:** The fear of what happens after death has caused people to live daily in doubt and dismay, but there is a hope found in the promise of Jesus from the cross that not only applied to the thief on the cross, but to you as well.

**I. Paradise is a Place: “in”**

- a. Meaning: “Walled Garden”
- b. Mentions: Luke 23:43, 2 Cor. 12:3, Rev. 2:7
  - i. Immediate Heaven: Acts 7:55-56
  - ii. Future Heaven: Revelation 21:1-3

**II. Paradise is Acceptance: “you”**

- a. Immediate Judgment: Hebrews 9:27, 2 Cor. 5:8
- b. Future Judgment:
  - i. Judgment Seat of Christ: 2 Cor. 5:10
  - ii. Great White Throne Judgment: Revelation 20:11-5

-Salvation is not based upon how you performed, but whom you profess-

**III. Paradise is a Reunion (s): “with me”**

- a. Established Relationships: John 20:11-18, Matthew 22:28-30
- b. Enlightened Relationships: Matthew 17:1-4

**IV. Paradise is Astonishment: “Truly”**

- a. Songs: Revelation 15:3
- b. Surroundings: Revelation 7:9, 21:9-14
- c. Supper: Revelation 19:9

**V. Paradise is Deliverance: “today”**

**Key Scripture:** Revelation 21:4, 22-27

-What make’s heaven significant is not just what **is** there, but what’s **not** there-

**VI. Paradise is Immortality: “be”**

- a. Great Exchange: 1 Cor. 15:50-58
- b. Great Event(s): 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Revelation 20:7-10

**VII. Paradise is Security: “I”**

- a. 4 Gardens: Eden, Gethsemane, Tomb, Eden
- b. 1 Goal: Revelation 21:3

**VIII. Paradise is Expectancy: “will”**

- a. His Promise: Rev. 22:12, 20
- b. My Perspective: Matt. 24:36, Philippians 3:20
- c. Our Power: Revelation 12:10-11

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