



“My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim; but it is enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with Him.” Richard Baxter, 17<sup>th</sup> century English Puritan

“I don’t believe in the afterlife, so I don’t have to spend my whole life fearing hell, or fearing heaven even more. For whatever the tortures of hell, I think the boredom of heaven would be even worse.” Isaac Asimov, American writer & prof of biochemistry, Boston Univ

“One of the devil’s biggest lies about heaven is the notion that somehow it will be boring. Imagine having nothing to do forever except float around on billowy clouds, flapping our little wings, singing one hymn after another, sipping nectar, and being sweet to whoever we meet in the vapory expanse. That’s the way some people visualize heaven. It’s a place of rest, they think, and monotony. We don’t know what – if anything – we’ll be doing for such a long stretch except maybe sitting in fluffy pews during endless church services.”

David Jeremiah, *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven*

“Nearly every Christian I have spoken with has some idea that eternity is an unending church service ... We have settled on an image of the never-ending sing-along in the sky, one great hymn after another, forever and ever, amen. And our heart sinks, ‘Forever and ever? That’s it? That’s the good news?’ And then we sigh and feel guilty that we are not more ‘spiritual.’ We lose heart, and we turn once more to the present to find what life we can.”

John Eldredge, *The Journey of Desire*

## How do we know that heaven will not be boring?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is not boring

“Our belief that Heaven will be boring betrays a heresy – that God is boring. There’s no greater nonsense. Our desire for pleasure and the experience of joy come directly from God’s hand. He made our taste buds, adrenaline, sex drives, and the nerve endings that convey pleasure to our brains. Likewise, our imaginations and our capacity for joy and exhilaration were made by the very God we accuse of being boring. Are we so arrogant as to imagine that human beings came up with the idea of having fun?

The very qualities we admire in others – every one of them – are true of God. He’s the source of everything we find fascinating. Who made Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart? Who gave them their gifts? Who created music itself and the ability to perform it? All that is admirable and fascinating in human beings comes from their Creator.

It’s not God who’s boring; it’s us. Did we invent wit and humor and laughter? No, God did. We’ll never begin to exhaust God’s sense of humor and His love for adventure. The real question is this: ‘How could God not be bored with us?’” Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ won’t be boring

- We will be \_\_\_\_\_

“... before believers live in Heaven they will experience radical change. A baby in the womb is not ready for the earth until he goes through the radical change called birth. Until that change takes place, he cannot enjoy life in the new world. .... The believer will be changed. God has promised it. Let us not therefore pre-judge or question God about things we do not fully understand on this side of that promised change.” Joseph Bayly, *A View From a Hearse*

- Every \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_

“No inhabitants of that blessed world will ever be grieved with the thought that they are slighted by those that they love. Or that their love is not fully and fondly returned ... There shall be no such things as flattery or insincerity in Heaven, but there, perfect sincerity will reign through all in all. Everyone will be just what he seems to be and will really have all the love he seems to have. It will not be as it is in this earth where comparatively few things are what they seem to be and where professions are often made lightly and without meaning. But there, every expression of love shall come from the bottom of the heart, and all that is professed shall be really and truly felt.”

Jonathan Edwards, *Heaven, A World of Love*