

“How Should We Get Ready for Heaven?”

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“Heaven wheels above you, displaying to you her eternal glories, and still your eyes are on the ground”

— **Dante Alighieri**

Introduction

“If you were to die today and stand before Christ and he would ask you why should I let into Heaven what would you say?”

- I. Heaven and Hell
 - a. Jonathan Edwards- *“Heaven Is a World of Love,”* Edwards says: *“These things are not cunningly devised fables, but the great dreadful realities of God’s Word, and things that, in a little while, you will know with everlasting certainty are true. How, then, can you rest in such a state as you are in, and go about so carelessly from day to day, and so heedless and negligent of your precious, immortal souls?”*
 - b. Earthly glimpses of Heaven
 - c. Revelations 19:6
 - d. The bride of Christ
- II. God good pleasure
 - a. Luke 12:32-34
 - b. Who protects our treasure in Heaven from a thief in the night?
- III. Vigilance and readiness in the Day of the Lord
 - a. Luke 12:35-40
 - i. Stay dressed
 - ii. Keep your lamp burning
 1. Prayer, Study of Scriptures, Fellowship, Evangelism
 - b. The God who came to serve
 - c. The Passover Exodus 12:11
 - d. Suit up for the fight Ephesians 6:11-18
- IV. Transformation and the Mark of a Christian
 - a. 1 John 2:28-3:5
 - b. Secessionists
 - i. Children of God vs Children of the Devil
 - c. The true gospel
 - d. Blessed Assurance, purify yourselves
 - e. We shall be changed.....