

Without question, heaven is for real. Colton Burpo had one image of heaven, Wendy Chousmation had another experience, very different from Colton's.

1. Where shall we look for certainty?

Scripture focuses our attention on Jesus the One who actually comes from heaven. Jesus reveals the one true God: is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, (John 1:18, John 1:51, LSB #358 "From Heav'n above").

Genesis 28:11-15 is the story of Jacob's ladder. In John 10:7-9 we see that Jesus is the fulfillment of Jacob's vision. Jesus and only Jesus is the very gate of heaven.

2. Heaven is for real! How do we know for certain?

When you hear and see Jesus you witness Jesus coming to sinners.

Jesus is real, therefore heaven is real. You can't separate them. You can't separate God, salvation, Jesus and heaven.

They are all tied together in Jesus who is God in the flesh so that we know these things.

What does Jesus say in John 3:13?

**Heaven is for real because Jesus has come down and brought heaven to us.**

3. Is that the message from the book (or presumably the movie)? "Heaven is for real".

What is the message of the book (and presumably) of the movie ?

What is the focus of the book?

What is the main source of credibility the book uses that heaven is for real and makes that source credible?

4. We are not going to say Colton or Wendy or anyone else who has such an experience that they haven't had an experience. We don't know what that experience is. Balance the assurance in Colton's and Wendy's words and their accounts versus the Word of God in Jesus Christ.

Read again John 3:13

5. Faith in Christ is about belonging to Christ.

We believe that in faith in Christ we already have heaven. How can this be?

Have you been to heaven?

Here is a mystery of faith: When do we have heaven?

Read John 5:24. What does Jesus say about when we go to heaven?

Scripture teaches something very different about heaven than the world around us teaches. When do we get to heaven?

Read John 5:25

What do we call what Jesus is talking about (i.e. "The voice of the Son of God")?

Where do we hear "the voice of the Son of God"?

What happens then?

Why does that happen?