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I usually don't answer my phone when I see an 800 number, but this morning I heard a voice saying "answer this one." It was a prayer partner from Daystar! She prayed with me and she prayed like she knew me - it was so wonderful. I told her that she made my day. I don't know how I would get through my days without God and Daystar. Thank you and God bless Daystar!

Carla from Pennsylvania

THE SURPRISING TRUTH ABOUT HEAVEN

with Dr. Michael Youssef

What inspired you to explore the study of Heaven and the afterlife?

MY: I find that few Christians spend much time thinking about Heaven or preparing for Heaven. I suppose that's because thinking about Heaven means thinking about dying—and we tend to avoid thinking about that! We're busy with our family and church activities and our business life, so we tell ourselves, "I don't have time to think about Heaven today. Maybe later." But Heaven is a core truth of our faith. If you trust in Jesus, why wouldn't you want to learn everything you can about the beauty and blessings of the place where you will spend eternity? Heaven is the fulfillment of all our deepest longings. As Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes, God has set eternity in our hearts! I wrote this book to stir a hunger for eternity in the heart of every reader. I pray it will energize believers to live in light of the reality of Heaven.

What biblical teachings do you draw upon to illuminate the nature of Heaven and its significance for believers?

MY: The Bible discloses many exciting truths about Heaven. Here are three:

First, Heaven will be a place of face-to-face communion and fellowship with Jesus. In 1 Corinthians 13:12, Paul tells us, "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face." We will be in a face-to-face relationship with Jesus and with God the Father. We shall experience eternal reality as it truly is.

Second, Heaven will be a place of rest from our spiritual battles. Revelation 14:13 tells us that believers in Heaven "will rest from their labor." We will have rest from the ceaseless spiritual struggles of this life.

Third, Heaven will be a place of serving Jesus. We will have work to do in eternity—not boring drudgery, but exciting, satisfying work. Revelation 22:3 tells us, "The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him." In our transformed resurrection bodies, we will serve Him in ways we can't even imagine now.

In your research, what did you learn about Heaven that surprised you the most?

MY: I think the most surprising fact about Heaven, for most Christians, is that the Bible speaks not just of one Heaven, but of three Heavens—and a fourth Heaven that is yet to come.

People are often shocked when I tell them that the First Heaven is not where God is. The First Heaven is the domain of Satan. Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:12: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." So, the First Heaven is the invisible spiritual realm that interpenetrates the visible world in which we live. It's where Satan dwells and has authority.

The Second Heaven is the universe of the celestial heavens. Psalm 19 tells us, "The heavens declare the glory of God." This is the realm of the skies, the stars, the planets, and the far-flung galaxies.

The Third Heaven is the place the Bible calls Paradise. Remember that Jesus, during the crucifixion, told the repentant thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." The apostle Paul wrote that he saw Paradise, the third Heaven, and he witnessed things he was not permitted to speak of. This is where all believers go when they die, and it is where Jesus is right now, interceding for us with God the Father.

Could you share a lesser-known aspect of heaven that you explore in your book and its relevance to contemporary Christian theology?

MY: I find that few Christians really understand that the present Heaven, or Paradise, is not our eternal destination. There is another Heaven that is yet to come. When the new Heaven comes—the eternal home that Jesus has promised us—the old Heaven will be rolled away. Revelation 21:1 tells us, "Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away."

In John 14, Jesus describes this new Heaven as a place with "many rooms," a place that He is preparing for us as our eternal home. How big are those "rooms" in the new Heaven? Revelation 21 actually gives us the measurements of our future home, and the volume of the new Heaven works out to about 2.75 billion cubic miles. If the new Heaven housed 100 billion people, every one of them could have a cube-shaped "room" measuring 75 acres per side.

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What would you say to those who may doubt or question the existence of Heaven?

MY: First, I would encourage people to avoid the sensational "Heaven tourism" books that

have been published in recent years—books about people who say they died and visited Heaven then returned to earth. I'm not saying these books are all fraudulent. But I do know this: God doesn't make mistakes. Hebrews 9:27 says, "People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment."

Only three people in history have been confirmed as receiving a glimpse of Heaven in this life: The martyr Stephen had a glimpse of Heaven moments before his death. The apostle Paul had a vision of the Third Heaven—but he was forbidden to speak of what he saw. And John saw Heaven in a vision on the Island of Patmos, then he wrote about it in the Book of Revelation. God gave these three men glimpses of Heaven for special reasons at a special time in history.

If you want to know what Heaven is really like, there's only one bestseller you need—and that's the Bible. Everything you need to know about Heaven is in that Book.

If you want to know whether Heaven is real or not, immerse yourself in the teachings about Heaven from Jesus and the apostles. As you read, you'll see that everything the Bible says about Heaven in one place is confirmed in other passages. All of the biblical teaching about Heaven is consistent. Bathe your mind in these truths—and you will be convinced, encouraged, and comforted.

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HEAVEN AWAITS

Are you longing for a glimpse of the heavenly realms? Are questions about eternity and the afterlife stirring in your soul? Look no further than *Heaven Awaits* by renowned author and pastor, Dr. Michael Youssef. In this captivating exploration of eternity, Dr. Youssef invites us to embark on a transformative journey into the heart of God's promise for those who believe.

Heaven Awaits is not just another book about the afterlife—it's a beacon of hope, a source of comfort, and a catalyst for spiritual renewal. Drawing from his deep well of biblical knowledge and personal insight, Dr. Youssef paints a vivid portrait of the celestial kingdom that awaits God's children. With eloquence and grace, he unpacks the mysteries of heaven, unveiling its splendor, its significance, and its profound implications for our lives today.

So, *Heaven Awaits* is more than just a glimpse into the future—it's a roadmap for the present. Dr. Youssef skillfully navigates the tension between the here and now and the yet to come, showing readers how the hope of heaven can transform their earthly existence. Through poignant stories, practical wisdom, and timeless truths, you will be empowered to live with purpose, passion, and unwavering faith in the promise of eternity.

For a limited time only, you can obtain a copy of *Heaven Awaits* by making a special donation to Daystar using the enclosed form. Your contribution not only grants you access to this life-changing book but also helps us continue spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every corner of the earth.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to experience the promise of eternity! Get your copy of *Heaven Awaits* today by making a donation through the enclosed form. Join hands with Dr. Michael Youssef and Daystar as we journey together towards our future hope, where every tear will be wiped away, and every heart will rejoice in the presence of our King!



welcome



baby

ELIANA JOY

May 26 · 8 lbs 9 oz · 20 ¾ inches

Jonathan and Rebecca are overjoyed to introduce their new daughter, Eliana Joy Weiss. Eliana was born peacefully at home and is already adored by her big brothers, Asher and Boaz.

Let's surround this growing family with prayers and love as they embark on this beautiful journey as a family of five.



Hello, Daystar family!

As we welcome summertime here in Texas, I'm reminded of the beauty of rest. July marks a time when many of us step away from the hustle and bustle of our daily routines to enjoy slower moments with family and friends. And what a precious gift it is!

In the midst of our busy lives, it's easy to forget the importance of rest. Yet, the Bible reminds us time and time again of the significance of slowing down and finding solace in the Lord. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus Himself beckons us, saying, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." What a sweet invitation it is to lay our burdens at His feet and find rest for our souls.

So, as you embark on your own summer adventures, I encourage you to take moments of stillness to rest and recharge in the presence of the Lord. Whether it's spending quiet time in prayer, immersing yourself in His Word, or simply enjoying the beauty of creation, may you find true rest in Him.

In the midst of this season of rest, my heart is overflowing with joy as I share the precious news of the newest addition to our family. Jonathan and Rebecca Weiss have welcomed their precious baby girl, Eliana Joy, into the world, and our hearts are bursting with love and gratitude. What a blessing she is to our family, a true testament to God's faithfulness and goodness.

And speaking of blessings, I am thrilled to share some exciting news from Daystar. Our reach continues to expand as we have launched on "Bhopal TV," a DTH platform reaching an astounding 21 million homes in central India! With this launch, Daystar is now in over 93.5 million homes, reaching over 561 million people in India alone. And that's not all – Daystar is also available on 460 million devices throughout the country. Additionally, we have recently been added on "Freeview" and "Freely" in the UK. This launch allows us to reach 18 million new homes in the United Kingdom! What an incredible opportunity to spread the message of hope and salvation to millions!

As we reflect on the goodness of the Lord and the abundant blessings He has bestowed upon us, let us continue to press forward in faith, knowing that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion. May your summer be filled with moments of rest, joy, and sweet fellowship with the Lord.

Yours for Christian Television,

Joni Lamb
Co-Founder & President
Daystar Television Network

I partner with Daystar because you have played one of the most important roles in my life. I truly don't know if I would be alive today if it hadn't been for Daystar! I could never express my full gratitude to the Lamb Family. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Kathleen from Connecticut

I recently heard Joni's song "No Fear" for the first time. In the middle of the night around 3am, I awoke with this song ringing through my mind over and over. As I began singing it, peace overtook me. No matter what it looks like in the natural God is on His throne, and there is "No Fear" for whatever the future holds!

Barbara from Kentucky

THIS MONTH

EVENTS MINISTRY NOW

07/09 – Wendy Griffith
07/22 – Dr. Jay Morris
07/30 – Don Galade

JONI TABLE TALK JULY 4

Hope Unseen
Scotty & Tiffany Smiley

Have you experienced personal setbacks or life altering situations? Scotty and Tiffany Smiley share on how to overcome the unexpected and find purpose in the midst of pain

JULY 8 Infidelity Unmasked Keith Battle

Are you reeling from the fallout of infidelity? Keith Battle shares how you can start the journey of recovery today and rebuild trust in your marriage.

JULY 10 War Songs Psalm 91 Nicole C. Mullen

From Grammy nominations to the darkest seasons of life, Nicole C. Mullen has come out with a song to sing. Today, she shares her newest album, "War Songs Psalm 91," a powerful battle cry for believers in this time.

JULY 22 Watching the Road Karen Wheaton

Has your child turned their back on God, or has your spouse left your marriage? Karen Wheaton shares how the power of God can reach the hardest of hearts and bring prodigals home.

JULY 23 Finding Grace After Abortion Sheila Harper, Dr. Doug Weiss

Are you wrestling with shame after going through an abortion? Sheila Harper and Dr. Doug Weiss reveal how grieving mothers can find peace in the wake of tragic loss, and why abortion is ultimately a spiritual issue.

EVENTS JULY 27 Letter to the American Church