



# **Open Heaven**

**John 1:51**

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# Open Heaven

## ARE YOU LIVING UNDER AN OPEN HEAVEN?

There are many people in the Bible who had the heavens opened to them. They experienced realms of glory while alive on earth. God is desiring to heighten your spiritual senses so you can live in the supernatural while in the natural world. When you live with an awareness of the heavenly atmosphere, signs, wonders, and miracles will follow your life.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 13:8, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”* This means that what we read about in the Scriptures is possible for us today. All the miracles recorded throughout the Bible can be replicated in the modern era.

The Bible also says in Acts 10:34:

*<sup>34</sup> Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.”*

God does not show partiality with people. This means if God did something for one person, he can do it for you. If the Apostle Paul had a vision of paradise, so can you. If God told John the Revelator to, “Come up here [into the heavenly realm],” then you also have the same invitation. If the heavens were opened to Jesus, the heavens can be opened to you too.

## SCRIPTURES THAT REVEAL THE HEAVENS OPENED

Throughout the Bible, there are a number of Scriptures that speak of the heavens being opened. The heavens were opened to Jesus. Paul had visions of paradise. Jesus told Nathanael he would see heaven opened and angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man. Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father. Peter fell into a trance and saw heaven opened. John the Revelator saw a door standing open in heaven and was instructed to go up into the glory realm. The following Scriptures record the events.

### THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED TO JESUS

Matthew 3:16:

*<sup>16</sup> When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*



## **PAUL'S VISION OF PARADISE**

2 Corinthians 12:2:

*<sup>2</sup> I [Paul] know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.*

## **NATHANAEL, YOU SHALL SEE HEAVEN OPEN**

John 1:51:

*<sup>51</sup> And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you [Nathanael], hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”*

## **STEPHEN SAW THE HEAVENS OPENED**

Acts 7:56:

*<sup>56</sup> and said, “Look! I [Stephen] see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”*

## **PETER SAW HEAVEN OPENED IN A TRANCE**

Acts 10:10-11:

*<sup>10</sup> Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance <sup>11</sup> and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.*

## **THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN**

Revelation 4:1-2:

*<sup>1</sup> After these things I [John] looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”*

*<sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.*

## ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

The Bible seems to make it clear that God wants us to be living under an open heaven. If you and I are living under an open heaven, the impossible becomes possible. In the Book of Luke, Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. Jesus gave them instructions, and the following prayer is known as, "The Model Prayer." The Bible says in Luke 11:1-4:

<sup>1</sup> *Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."*

<sup>2</sup> *So He said to them, "When you pray, say:*

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.*

<sup>3</sup> *Give us day by day our daily bread.*

<sup>4</sup> *And forgive us our sins,  
For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one."*

At the beginning of this prayer, Jesus told His followers to pray to the Heavenly Father that His kingdom would come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is our responsibility as Christians to find out what God is doing in heaven and then bring that to earth. This is a moment by moment revelation.

If you are looking to increase the answers to your prayer requests, then you must know what is taking place in the heavenly realm and then mimic that on earth. For example, if you are praying for a sick person, it is important to learn how Father God in heaven wants to heal the person. Your first impulse might be to pray for the person, but Father God might be singing healing over the person. You need to copy what God is doing in heaven.

This is how Jesus was able to have such success in His earthly ministry. Jesus only did what He saw the Father do, and He only spoke what He heard the Father say. (See John 5:19<sup>1</sup> and John 12:49-51<sup>2</sup>.) This is how Jesus was able to heal the blind man by spitting in the mud to make clay. (See John 9:6-7<sup>3</sup>.)

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1 John 5:19: Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

2 John 12:49-50: For I [Jesus] have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.

3 John 9:6-7: When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed

It is important for us to determine God's will in heaven, and then copy it on earth.

## SCRIPTURES THAT REVEAL HEAVEN

To help you better understand what earth should look like, let's turn to the Bible and examine a number of Scriptures that reveal heaven. The more you know about heaven, the more focused your prayers can be.

### THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN

Revelation 4:1-11:

<sup>1</sup> *After these things I [John] looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."*

<sup>2</sup> *Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup> And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*

<sup>6</sup> *Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:*

*"Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!"*

<sup>9</sup> *Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:*

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the eyes of the blind man with the clay. <sup>7</sup> And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.



<sup>11</sup> *“You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”*

## EZEKIEL'S VISION OF GOD

Ezekiel 1:1-28:

<sup>1</sup> *Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. <sup>2</sup> On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, <sup>3</sup> the word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was upon him there.*

<sup>4</sup> *Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. <sup>5</sup> Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. <sup>6</sup> Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. <sup>7</sup> Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. <sup>8</sup> The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. <sup>9</sup> Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.*

<sup>10</sup> *As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle. <sup>11</sup> Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. <sup>12</sup> And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.*

<sup>13</sup> *As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. <sup>14</sup> And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.*

<sup>15</sup> *Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. <sup>16</sup> The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. <sup>17</sup> When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. <sup>18</sup> As for their rims, they were so high*

*they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them.* <sup>19</sup> *When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.* <sup>20</sup> *Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.* <sup>21</sup> *When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.*

<sup>22</sup> *The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads.* <sup>23</sup> *And under the firmament their wings spread out straight, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body.* <sup>24</sup> *When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings.* <sup>25</sup> *A voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.*

<sup>26</sup> *And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.* <sup>27</sup> *Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around.* <sup>28</sup> *Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.*

*So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.*

## **ISAIAH SEES THE LORD SITTING ON A THRONE**

Isaiah 6:1-4:

<sup>1</sup> *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.* <sup>2</sup> *Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.* <sup>3</sup> *And one cried to another and said:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!”*

<sup>4</sup> *And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*

## THE RIVER OF LIFE

Revelation 22:1-5:

<sup>1</sup> And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. <sup>4</sup> They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

### ACTIVATION

1) For the first part of this activation, choose one of the following sections of Scriptures that causes your spirit to leap.

- a) “...You shall see heaven open...” (John 1:51d)
- b) “...A door standing open in heaven.” (Revelation 4:1c)
- c) “...Come up here...” (Revelation 4:1f)
- d) “...I will show you things...” (Revelation 4:1g)
- e) “...I was in the Spirit...” (Revelation 4:2a)
- f) “...One sat on the throne.” (Revelation 4:2d)
- g) “...Caught up to the third heaven.” (2 Corinthians 12:2c)
- h) “...made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” (“Seated in heavenly places”). (Ephesians 2:6b)
- i) “...I saw visions of God.” (Ezekiel 1:1e)
- j) “...The Spirit lifted me up...” (Ezekiel 3:12a)
- k) “...Heaven was opened.” (Luke 3:21d)

2) For the second part of this activation, put on soft instrumental soaking music. As the music is playing, focus on the above Scripture you have chosen. As you are meditating on the Scripture, let the Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit take you where He desires. Open your spiritual senses. What is God showing you? What is God speaking to you? Stay in this position for 10-15 minutes.

3) After you have spent time with the Lord, write down or record what you experienced.

4) For the fourth part of this activation, share with other people in your group the revelations you received from the Lord in the atmosphere of heaven.