

This Week's Sermon: Heaven and Earth Part 1

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[Psalm 16:1-11](#)

A miktam of David

1 Keep me safe, my God,

for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

apart from you I have no good thing."

3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,

"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.

I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods

or take up their names on my lips.

5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;

you make my lot secure.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

surely I have a delightful inheritance.

7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;

even at night my heart instructs me.

8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,

10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

11 You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

[Matthew 3:1-3](#)

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

1 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is he who was spoken of through the
prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

[Matthew 4:12-17](#)

Jesus Begins to Preach

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of
Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—16 the people living in darkness
have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Themes: *Themes: How does this idea of heaven and earth as presented in scripture work? What did John the Baptist and Jesus mean when they said this? We want to explore the theme of heaven and earth in scripture and understand this idea present throughout scripture.*