

HEAVEN - Close Encounters of the God Kind by Jesse Duplantis

This reflects my memory of the subject of Heaven by Jesse Duplantis. I have seen several TV shows and read several books on this topic but this is the best of the best. All authors reflect the same image of Heaven, some in greater detail.

Background

Born a poor Cajun boy in south Louisiana, Jesse Duplantis was a rock musician in his early years and, after a life-changing experience with God, became one of the most candid, and popular ministers of the Gospel today. For thirty years Jesse Duplantis has demonstrated what life can be when you focus on finding your personal path and nurturing a closer relationship with God and Jesus Christ. Jesse believes God can help anyone to succeed--no matter who you are or where you come from.

Jesse spent several hours in Heaven in 1988. The story that is told reflects his conversations with the following: angel, Abraham, King David, Paul, Jesus, and God the Father. The bottom-line is that you don't want to miss Heaven. What a place!

Heaven

The story reflects my memory and does not reflect all the details Jesse tells. The story begins by Jesse is accompanied by an angel in a "machine" that takes him to Heaven. The trip is instant! Just think hundreds/thousands/millions of miles in a twinkle of an eye.

Jesse is greeted by Abraham to take him to see God the Father. According to Jesse, Abraham is a big man with a big chest. Jesse explains that Heaven is a city within Paradise. Heaven has many mansions and is a great place to see. The colors are beyond what words can describe. The gold is transparent. The yards are like golf courses and the flowers are perfect. He stepped on the flowers and they remained standing straight. Perfect! There are no shadows in Heaven.

Jesse saw his mansion and commented it looked a lot like Earth. He was told that the Earth was God's handy-work and there are a lot of similarity's in Heaven.

Jesse was asked to attend a picnic. He was told that he had a meeting with God to attend. Jesse stated he would take a rain-check on the picnic. That means there is food in Heaven.

Next, Jesse spoke with King David. King David said that Jesse would meet a person that he (King David) was not worthy to tie his shoes. He was talking about Jesus, the King of Kings. Jesse noticed there were kids in Heaven. He was told that all the aborted kids and miss-carried kids are in Heaven. They are learning the ways of God. They will either wait upon their mothers to teach them or God, depending upon their age.

Next, Jesse spoke with Paul. Paul still called it his gospels. Are you still teaching my gospels, said Paul? Jesse stated that he teaches everything that Paul ever said. Paul stated that he would not go through all that he did if only he listened to what Jesus said. There are family members in Heaven, but not as husband and wife as on Earth. Jesse realized how important family was to him and God.

Next, Jesse spoke with Jesus. He was clothed with what appeared to be a robe of diamonds. His fragrance was unique, but sweet to smell. Jesus radiated light. Jesus was the only one that could see the Father. Jesus is love and He said to Jesse that he was forgiven. Jesse wept. Jesus told Jesse that His worst day is coming and He could not do anything about it. Jesus told Jesse that He has to tell His creation to go to Hell because they did not believe that He was their Savior. That will be His saddest day. Tears came to Jesus eyes as He told the story. Jesus told Jesse to tell the people that He is coming! Jesse told the Lord that they know that. Jesus was very firm and told Jesse that they don't know it. Jesse said Jesus was more like a preacher than a teacher.

Next, Jesse spoke with God the Father. Jesse stated that he could not stand or look at God. He preferred to be called "Jehovah God". Jehovah was all power and love. Jesse described Jehovah as a massive amount of power. Smoke came from Jehovah due to the massive amount of power. Jesse asked God the stupidest question in all of Heaven; he asked where the Holy Spirit was? God the Father told Jesse that the Holy Spirit was back on Earth. Jesse told Jehovah that he knew that! Jesse saw the empty Thrones in Heaven. Jesse asked where the people were. Jehovah stated that they are out serving the people. All are servants in Heaven. Jesse asked about a new Heaven and Earth. He was told that Heaven was very old and was to be replaced.

Jesse asked Jesus for a drink of water. Jesus poured Jesse a glass that overflowed. Jesse called this wasteful. Jesus told Jesse that He was the God of abundance.

Jehovah told the angel to take Jesse home by the way of the mountains. Jesse saw many houses in the mountains and asked the angel about the houses. The angel told Jesse that many people preferred multiple homes and they can have the desires of their heart.

Upon return to Earth, Jesse could not see it but he radiated light like Moses did when he spoke with God in the burning bush.

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