

# Heaven

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When the little shepherd children asked the beautiful Lady where She was from, She replied, “*I am of Heaven.*” When they heard that She was a Lady who had come from Heaven, they remembered about a friend of theirs who had died a short time before and who, people said, had gone to Heaven, so they asked about her. The Lady replied, “*She is in Heaven.*”

In the prayer that the Lady taught them to say at the end of each decade of the Rosary, we ask God to “*bring all souls to Heaven.*”

And when the children asked if they, too, would go to Heaven, the Lady replied that they would. Hence, it is certain that Heaven exists. *Heaven does exist!*

The great concern of God and of Our Lady is that people should be saved and go to Heaven; and since Heaven is the dwelling place prepared by God for eternal life, unless we follow the road that leads to it, we shall never get there. As far as we know, there are already two people there in soul and body: Jesus Christ and Mary most holy, His Mother and ours; and there, too, go all the souls which have the good fortune to leave this world in the state of grace, that is, without mortal sin.

On the day of the resurrection from the dead, all souls will be reunited with their bodies so that they can together share in the eternal happiness or the eternal damnation that they have deserved during the time of their pilgrimage on earth. Jesus Christ Himself has told us this, He who will then be our Judge: “*For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.*” (John 5: 26-29)

If God had created us merely in order to live out, on this earth, the few days that we spend here in the midst of toil, suffering and affliction that all of us, one way or another, have got to endure, then we could say that our life had no meaning, since it was destined to end in the dust of the earth from which we were made. But God, in His goodness, must have had greater purposes in mind, and His Love could not be content with this. We are the masterpiece of His Love, since He created

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us to share in the immensity of His Life.

From the moment of our conception, our life continues through time and goes on to eternity, where it will abide. As long as we live on this earth, we are pilgrims on the way to Heaven, if we keep to the way that God has marked out for us. This is the most important thing in our lives; that we should behave in such a way as to ensure that, when we depart from this world and at the end of time, we shall deserve to hear from the lips of Jesus Christ those consoling words: *“Come, O blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”* (Matthew 25:34)

It is for this reason that the Message (of Fatima) speaks to us of Heaven and urges us to keep to the way that will lead us there.