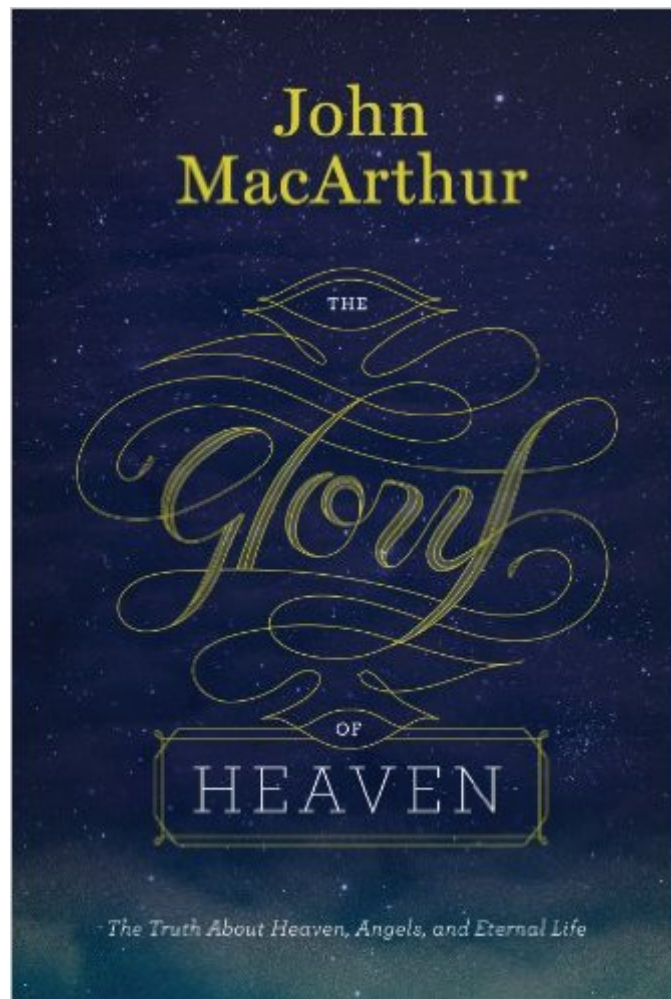


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If you're going to call it "home" for eternity, don't you want to know what it's like? Our pictures of heaven range from comical to curious, mystical to fictitious, with bits of biblical truth thrown in. But if heaven is our future, and we are to be living with an eternal mind-set in the present, a Hollywood scriptwriter's interpretation of the afterlife just won't suffice. Quite simply, we need to know more about what lies ahead for the sake of what lies in front of us today. In this newly updated and expanded edition, pastor John MacArthur takes us through the pages of Scripture, exploring the wonders of heaven and the truth about angels and eternal life while addressing current debates and issues. Come along with this best-selling author for an in-depth look at every Christian's future "heaven, our eternal home."

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A few weeks ago a reporter from Macleans magazine got in touch to ask if I would be willing to talk about a whole new genre of books--books that claim the author has journeyed to heaven. He had been assigned the story and was baffled by their popularity. I am baffled too. He saw as well that even as authors are insisting that heaven is real and that they have seen it, hell is on the downgrade. He understood readers want the assurance that heaven exists and they want to believe that hell does not. These books crowd bookstore shelves (as evidenced by this snapshot I took at a local bookstore). Every couple of months there is another book telling the story of a near death experience followed by a journey to the afterlife. Every couple of months one of these books hits the

list of bestsellers. 90 Minutes in Heaven, Heaven Is For Real, Proof of Heaven, To Heaven and Back...it just goes on and on. While bookstores are now full of these books, there have been very few responses to them. Enter the second edition of John MacArthur's The Glory of Heaven. The first edition was written to combat New Age themes that were pervading the church in the early to mid-90's. The second edition is angled specifically at exposing this genre of heaven tourism. While much of the content is the same, there is also much that is new, refreshed and updated. In some ways this is two books: a look at what the Bible says about heaven and the afterlife, and a pointed critique of the many heaven tourism books cluttering bookshelves. In both ways it is successful. As MacArthur sketches out a brief a theology of heaven, he is in his element, looking to Scripture and simply teaching about the glory that awaits us there. His views are traditional, orthodox and at times very literal.

John MacArthur loves the Bible and the truths that are clearly marked in the Bible. He is a theologian and a truth teller. This makes The Glory of Heaven a bit of a unexpected but enjoyable read. You see, John MacArthur works to systematically show you through theology the Glory of Heaven. But first he starts in a most unusual place, the errors that have permeated many peoples perceptions of Heaven. I think we all have thoughts on Heaven that are shaped by culture, background, experiences, religion and just plain old imagination. Books on "Heaven Tourism" (so aptly coined by famous blogger Tim Challies), have hijacked otherwise clear thinking Christians. Never before has interest in Heaven been at an all time high. Books from people who claim to have been to Heaven are among top sellers on . At time of publication of this book, one fast rising "Heaven" book (author was on Oprah) wasn't mentioned because it had not been released. You simply can't keep up with all the new books coming out about people who are writing about their latest trip to Heaven. Surprisingly an analysis from John MacArthur is given on a few of these bestsellers based on excerpts from these books. You can see the allure as feelings collide with imagination. But we are commanded to examine both the claims and the Bible to see if these things are true. And what does the Bible say about these things? This is what sets John MacArthur's book "The Glory of Heaven" apart from these other books. He actually shows you in the Bible what is true about Heaven and exposes what is purely fiction from these contradictory accounts of Heaven. Usually you need your thinking cap on as you read a book by MacArthur as he engages both your mind and your Bible.

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