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Handout #4: THE THIRD HEAVEN

It is not expedient for me, doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell. God knoweth)-such an one caught up in the third heaven. And I knew such a man (whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth)-how he was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words, which is not lawful for a man to utter.

1st Heaven: The visible sky that we see when we walk outside and look up.

2nd Heaven: Some area between our vision of the sky and paradise. Perhaps this is the place of the stars, the black hole, and other galaxies, but most likely it is a place between all that and Paradise, and a place where Satan spends a good bit of time accusing the brethren before the throne of God. Remember that Satan came to present himself before the throne of God in the book of Job. He said that he had been going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down on it. Then he left the presence of God to attack all that Job had. Most likely this 2nd Heaven is from where he was talking to God who Himself was in Paradise. I find it unacceptable to think that he would have had access to Paradise after his fall from there. It is sort of like going to see the President of the United States and having to stay outside the fenced in area of the White House and talking to him by television cameras.

3rd Heaven: This is what we normally refer to as Heaven or Paradise. It is where all our saved loved ones will be. It is where we will go when we die. It is where Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty and will stay there until God the Father, using the Remnant Company of the Last Days, will make His enemies His footstool (Psalm 110:1).