

I was recently touched by having the congregation at Dunbar First Baptist share some idioms in our culture of language. It was very interesting to learn how we communicate using idioms. Some examples were: "It's raining cats and dogs"; "Actions speak louder than words"; "At the drop of a hat"; "Best thing since sliced bread"; "Cost an arm and a leg"; "Cry over spilt milk" and "Curiosity kills the cat".

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "*idiom*" as an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words but has a separate meaning of its own: a form of a language that is spoke in a particular area and that uses some of its own words, grammar, and pronunciations.

These thoughts led me to investigate idioms formed around the word - **heaven**. I found these:

- "A taste of heaven"
- "Heaven on earth"
- "Heaven forbid"
- "A match made in heaven"
- "Heaven help us"
- "Heaven help us!"
- "Heavenly days"
- "Stinking to high heavens"
- "Died and gone to heaven"
- "To move Heaven and earth"
- "Heaven only knows"

People are more confused over heaven than these idioms. So, I am led to preach a series of messages about heaven with the titles being some of the cultural idioms!

How you perceive heaven will determine how well you prepare to go there. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people! It is a place for all who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty, a place of recognition, a place of reunion, a place of rewards, and a place of rest and much more.

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not

whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14: 1-6 KJV)

As you listen to these messages may God speak to your hearts about:

- Affirming your relationship with Christ.
- Accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
- Acknowledging your need to know more about Jesus and Heaven.
- Accepting His call on your life.
- Acquiring a burden for lost friends.

The one thing I learned about heaven today is:
