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TO HEAVEN AND BACK

with Jesse Duplantis

You can accelerate the

supernatural just by

simply being obedient

spending

with God.

time

Jesse, how do you know personally that heaven is a real place?

JD: Well, number one is that I've been there. It's a wonderful place. And, number two, God said it.

What are some of the biggest misconceptions people have about heaven?

JD: I find that people say you're going to meet Peter at the gate, but you don't. The first person you meet is Abraham because he's the father of our faith. And the next misconception I find is about Heaven itself. You see, Heaven is more than a city. Actually, it's a planet. You have the Throne, the New Jerusalem, and Paradise, and it's all around. It's hard to describe, but it's wonderful and all of us need to go!

What's one fun thing that God allowed you to see in heaven that really sticks out in your mind?

JD: It wasn't really a "fun" trip per se. It was a trip where the Lord spoke to me and said, "Go tell My people that I'm coming." That was the purpose of it. But it's a wonderful place—there's a lot of happiness, but it's a serious place, too. People are moving and doing great things. I guess you could say that the thing

that was fun was seeing all the wonderful children coming around Jesus—seeing how much they loved Him and how much He loved them.

How important is it for people to know they can be certain where they will spend eternity?

JD: It's very important! The Bible says that if you just believe with your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus rose from the dead, you shall be saved (Romans 10:9-10).

Once you know that, then you don't ever have to be concerned about if there's a place there for you or not because, let me tell you something, that's where you're going to spend eternity. For all of us, we'll either spend eternity in Heaven or in hell depending on whether we receive or reject God and His plan. Now some people don't believe that, but that doesn't change it! It's still the truth.

Have you ever received backlash for standing against the popular narrative on an issue? How should we respond when this happens?

JD: Most of the backlash we have received has come from religious people, not secular people. That is the unfortunate reality of the state of the Church in the West. The culture wars are a proxy for the spiritual wars. I want to demonstrate an uncompromising allegiance to Scripture married to an unconditional love for people. I haven't always done that well, but I am learning and growing. My encouragement to leaders and pastors is simply this... crucify your need to be liked, and "after doing everything to stand, stand therefore".

In your experience, how is the supernatural more of a reality than what we think of as reality?

JD: Well, the spirit world is way bigger than the natural world, and it was more than an experience for me. I mean, it's amazing to even be able to walk in the spirit in this life—we are spirits

who have a soul but are housed in a body, and when our spirit leads, then the things of the spirit do become more of a reality. Our spirit is stronger than our body because it's eternal. Heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word never will. The worlds He made with words and the breath He breathed into Adam that gave man life both come from Him—He's a spirit and we are too, so the supernatural or spiritual is much more of a lasting reality than what we see here with our natural eyes. The spiritual side is so strong and so big that the more sensitive you become, there are times you can feel more of what's going on in the spirit than you do in the natural.

Let's talk about divine intervention. Are angels real, and how do they sometimes show up in your life?

JD: Yes, angels are very real. They are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to us, and they help us so much—we don't even realize how much. They are servants and we are sons and daughters. Everyone has a guardian angel, but there are many more angels around us besides that. We don't always know why angels intervene but if they do, it's because God wants it done. God's angels obey His Word and His will. So, if our words and

will line up with God's, we will have greater help from them.

How do we as believers invite the supernatural power of God into our lives?

JD: You do it by your spirit. You just open up your heart and say, "Lord, fill me—spiritually, physically, and every which way, shape, and form." First things first, you must be born again. And, in my opinion, you must be filled with the Holy Ghost. Why? Because you need the same power that Peter and them

had...you need the same power here in this lifetime. Being filled with the Holy Ghost gives you a way to pray that bypasses just your natural mind and access the supernatural side, which is the spiritual side. Praying that way not only builds you up but affects the spiritual side, which ends up affecting the natural side.

Talk about the joy God has shown you that He has for pouring His goodness into our lives.

JD: Well, joy is a spiritual concept and happiness is an emotional feeling. Happiness comes and goes. The joy of the Lord is your strength and that's because it's an attribute of God's Spirit. It's His joy and when it's flowing through you, it has the power to lift you up and get you through all kind of circumstances. It can affect others, too when it's spilling out of you. You just connect with God, remind yourself of His Word, and focus on what's true, just, honest, lovely, and of good report. Remind yourself of what He's done. Rehearse that instead of the problems. When you let the joy of the Lord come up out of your spirit and flow, it'll give you spiritual and physical strength because you know that your end result will be good, no matter what, and that's a wonderful thing to know.

Your program Jesse Duplantis Ministries airs twice a week on Daystar. What can people expect when they tune in?

JD: Fun. Joy. Power. Revelation. Honesty. Integrity. Our vision has always been about reaching people and changing lives for God. That's what we're all about!



In a hospital room, a family surrounds an older man. His paling blues eyes flicker their last spark of life as he drifts away into the great beyond. Five-hundred miles away, a young girl says good night to her mother and father and heads off to bed, not knowing the surreal journey that soon awaits her. On the other side of the world, a middle-aged man clings to life as first responders work to free him from the mangled mess of his wrecked automobile.

It is an inevitability of life that at some point we will shrug off our mortal coils and step foot into eternity, and many of us have questions about what lies beyond the veil of this life. Throughout history, some have been given a chance to see the reality of what awaits on the other side. Miraculously, they've returned to share their stories. Many have revealed a beauty and a peace beyond what we could think or imagine. Still others speak of darkness and torment beyond comprehension.

According to these personal testimonies, the reality of what awaits us in eternity is a very engulfing physical experience of an amazing Heaven or a terrifying Hell. So, what are these places really like? How do they impact our senses, emotions, and sense of existence? The truth is perhaps the most surprising.



The experience in hell, for example, caused an atheist to call on the name of Jesus, and one man's touching revelation from Jesus gave him intense compassion and urgency to reach the lost.



What will the reality of what exists beyond what we know and see impact your life? Does it ignite fear? Or will it transform you heart? Discover what eternity is really like in our exclusive DVD, *Life After Death*, a compilation of first-hand accounts of what exists beyond this world.

Bring home this powerful exploration of eternity when you give to help take the Gospel to the nations. Get your copy of *Life After Death* as a special thank you when you make a donation to Daystar using the enclosed form.





Hello, global Daystar family!

I cannot begin to tell you just how thankful I am for you. Through your continuous prayers and support, we've been able to do some exciting things that I can hardly wait to share with you.

Recently, Mississippi experienced a devastating tornado that left a wake of destruction in its path. So, we issued a \$100,000 matching challenge to show God's love in a tangible way, and your response was so tremendous. Because of your generosity, we were able to send more than \$200,000 to help those affected by the storm rebuild their lives.

We are also happy to announce that Daystar had major High Definition launches recently. Both Daystar and Daystar Español are now available in HD on DirectTV USA and DirectTV Streaming. You can watch Daystar in HD on Channel 369, and you can see all of our HD Spanish-language content for Daystar Español on channel 463. This means millions of homes all over the U.S. will have access to our HD programming, and your support helps make that happen.

I have also been hearing from many of you who are listening to the *Joni Table Talk* podcast. It blesses my heart to know it's touching your life, and I love that so many of you are enjoying being able to listen to all of our great discussions on the go. So, take *Joni Table Talk* with you by subscribing to my podcast, available now on Spotify and Apple Music.

One of the things I love about the month of May is that it's an important month to show all the mothers out there how much they mean to you. Mothers' Day is just around the corner! So, be sure to let those mothers in your life know the impact they've made on you.

I also want to wish a special Happy anniversary to Rebecca and Jonathan Weiss. Their love for each other and for the Lord fills my heart with such joy. And I want to wish a happy birthday to Joshua Brown who is such a blessing to Daystar and to my family! Of course, the big event coming up this month is the arrival of Baby Brown! We love him so much already and I can't wait to finally meet my sixth grandbaby!

Lastly, remember to take a moment to remember those who've given the ultimate gift for freedom. May is the month we celebrate Memorial Day. So, let us give thanks for those who laid down their lives for their country.

Thank you all for continuing to stand with us as we carry the hope of the Gospel to the nations. You are making a difference every day, and I pray God pours out His favor, protection, and provision over your life.

Yours for Christian Television,

Joni Lamb

Co-Founder & President
Daystar Television Network

On a recent Ministry Now with Jonathan Shuttlesworth, he mentioned a person watching with hip and back issues - that was me! I believed with him that God could heal me and am ecstatic to share that my hip and back are pain-free! Thank the Lord! And thank you, Daystar!

Pam from Canada

THIS MONTH

MINISTRY NOW

MAY 9 - J. John & Killy John MAY 17 - Jordan Rubin & Josh Axe

JONI TABLE TALK MAY 3

Ben Windle

Can your biggest hurt or failure be the catalyst for a better tomorrow? Ben Windle joins the table to uncover a biblical truth that may change your perspective and give you more hope about your future.

MAY 15

Jonathan Cahn

From a country that suffered catastrophic annihilation to one of the most prominent nations in our world today. Rabbi Jonathan Cahn reveals an ancient mystery and prophetic significance of Israel's 75th anniversary.

MAY 17 & 18

Eric Metaxas

Uncover the truth behind one of the biggest coverups in history! Eric Metaxas exposes the lies you've been told and the startling reality science is now proving that will change your view of reality.

MAY 31

Joni Lamb

Can there be hope after devastation? Joni Lamb gives viewers an intimate look inside her journey through the storm of grief, what she experienced, and how she found strength and joy on the other side.

EVENTS MAY 4

National Day of Prayer

Daystar has changed my life. I had been in church before, but never really understood. Through watching, I now know Jesus is My Lord and Savior! I have learned so much and am not stuck in that little box of religion anymore. Thank you for standing for truth and risking it all. Love you guys like I know you!

Lisa from New York

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