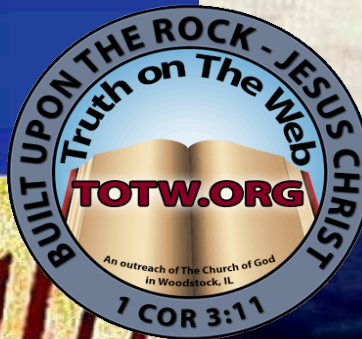
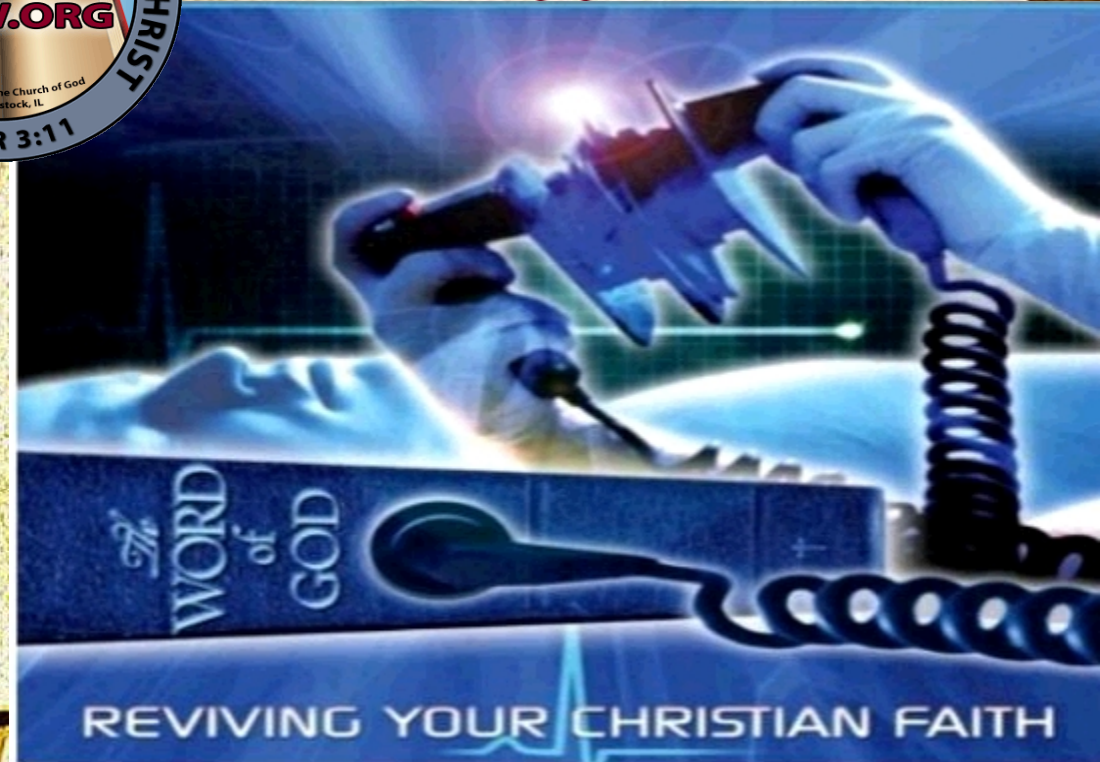
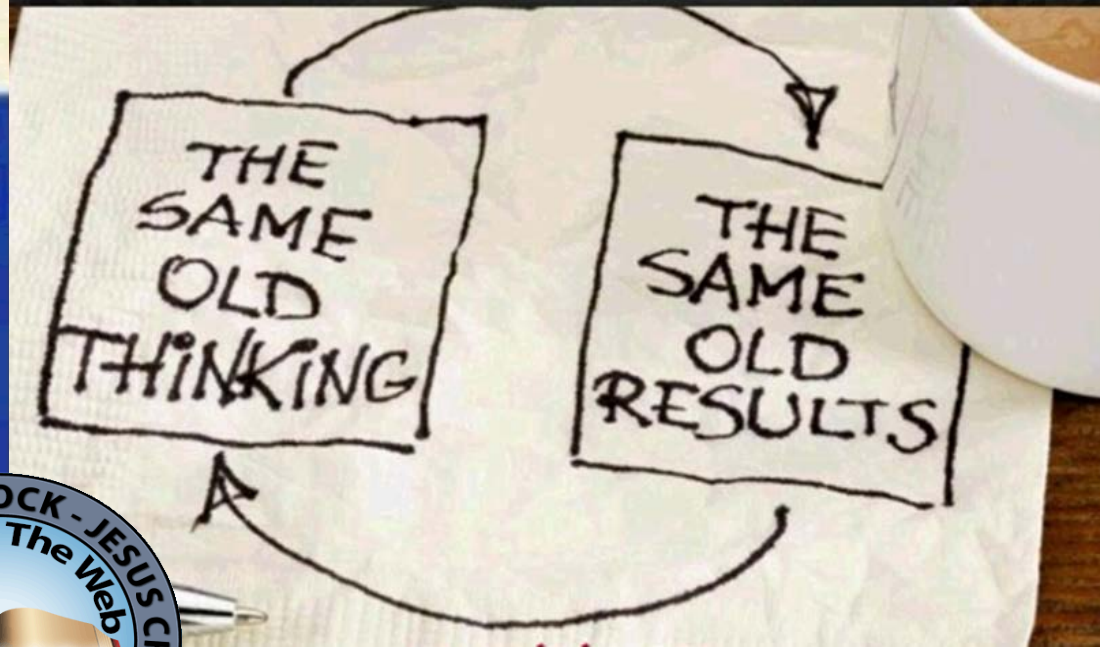


# Think BIBLICALLY



## RENEW your mind

ROMANS 12:2



REVIVING YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH



# *the eighth day*



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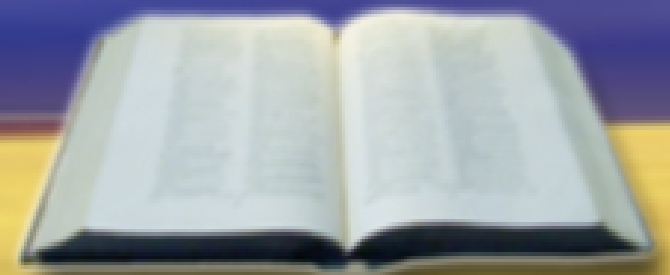
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**Leviticus 23:41-43** And ye shall keep it a Feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. **Ye shall dwell in booths seven days**; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: **That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt**: I am the LORD your God.

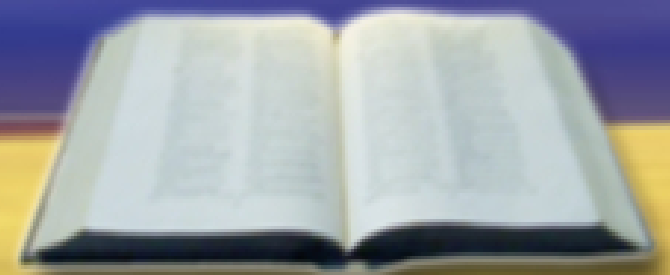
**Deuteronomy 8:1-7** All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no. And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him. For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;



Haggai 2:1-3 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?



Haggai 2:4-6 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;





Haggai 2:7-9 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts...The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

**1 Peter 1:22-25** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.





**1 Peter 2:1-5** Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.



1 Kings 6:7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.





**Ephesians 2:10-13** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

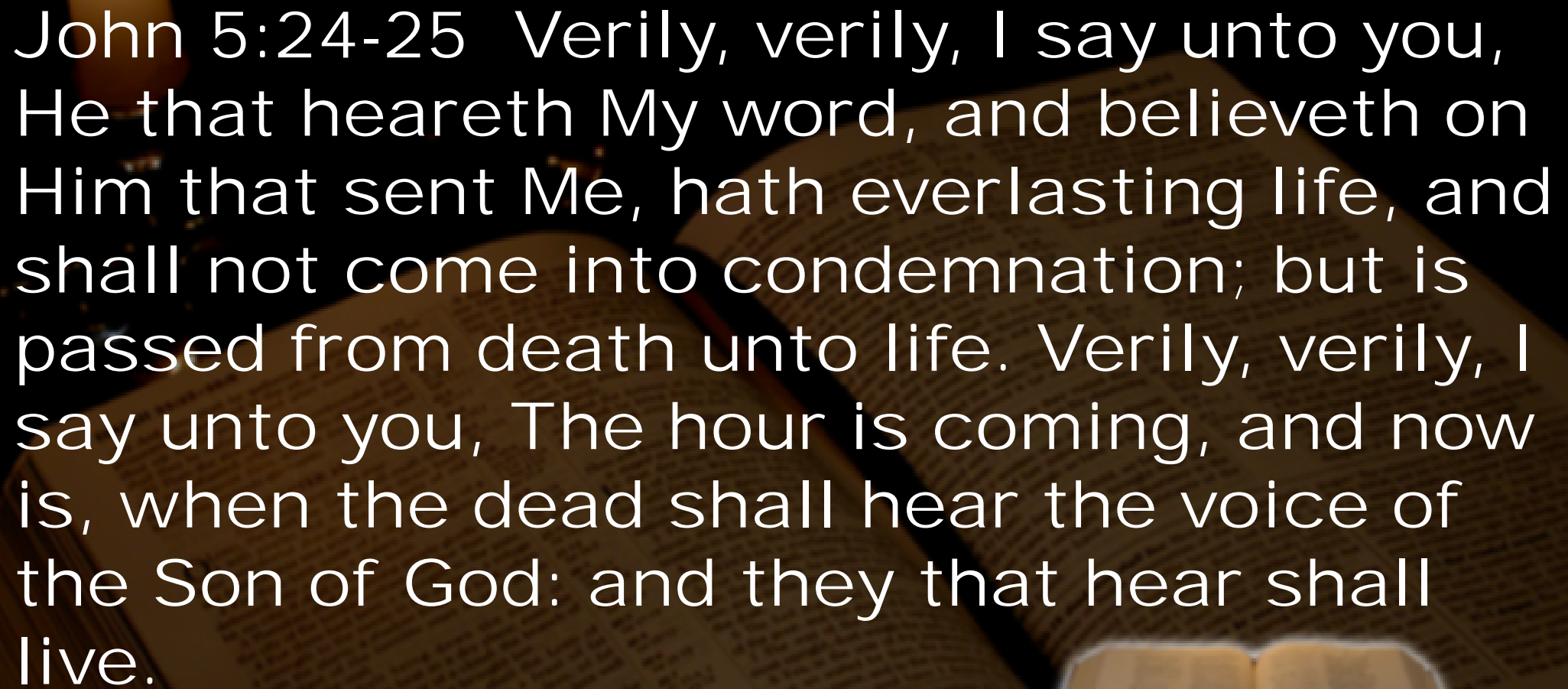


**Ephesians 2:19-22** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.



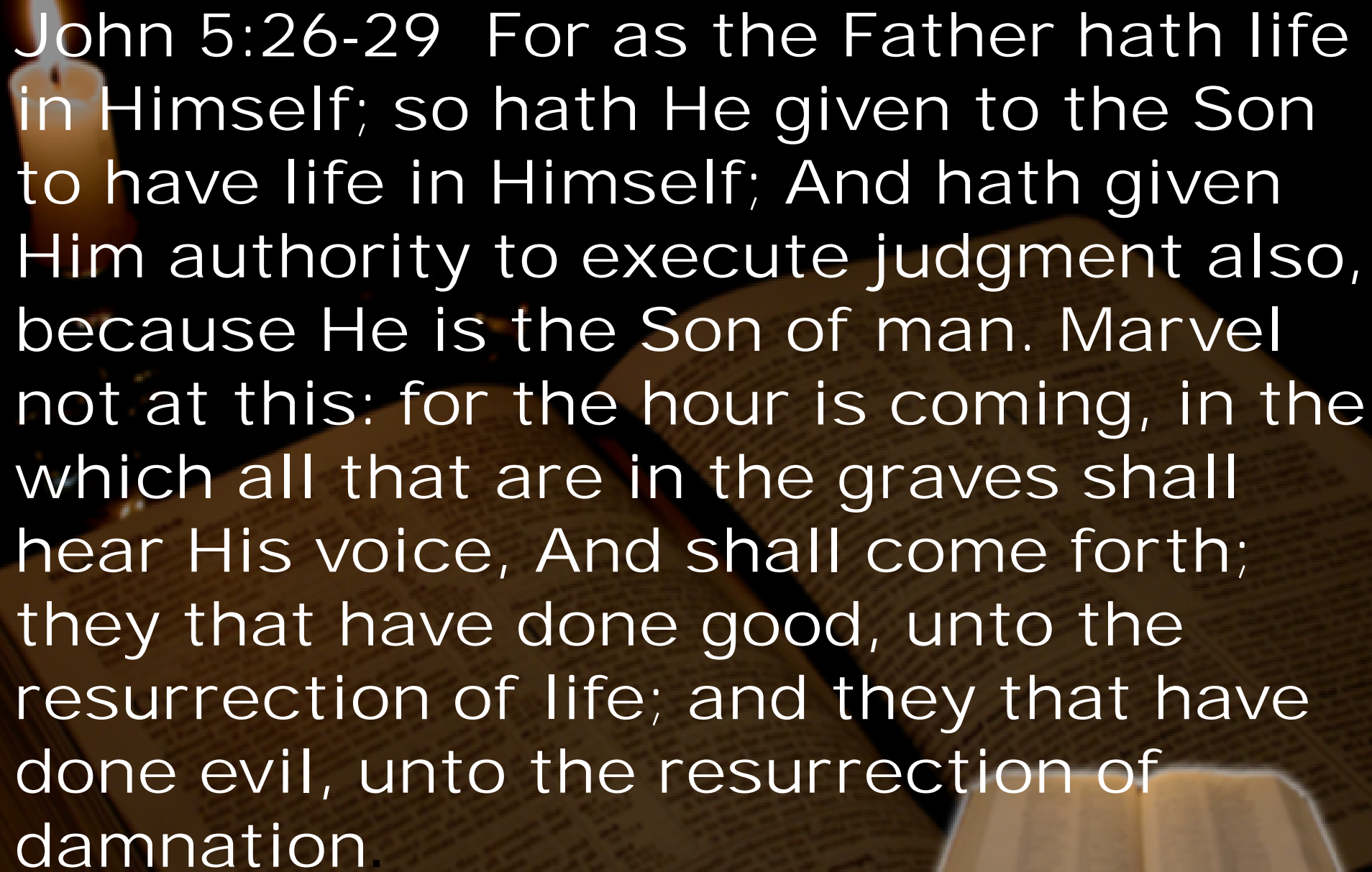
**1 Peter 2:9-12** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

**2 Peter 1:13-15** Yea, I think it meet, **as long as I am in this tabernacle**, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly **I must put off this my tabernacle**, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after **my decease** to have these things always in remembrance.

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John 5:24-25 Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
He that heareth My word, and believeth on  
Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and  
shall not come into condemnation; but is  
passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I  
say unto you, The hour is coming, and now  
is, when the dead shall hear the voice of  
the Son of God: and they that hear shall  
live.



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John 5:26-29 For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself; And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

A black and white photograph showing a man in a dark suit and white shirt kneeling on a rocky or uneven ground. He is leaning forward with his head bowed in a prayerful or distressed posture. In the background, another person is lying face down on the ground, their head resting on the surface. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source from the upper right creating a strong highlight on the man's head and the ground behind him. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

# **DEATH & SUFFERING:**

**Two Witnesses**

For God Or Against God?





- “How could God allow the tsunami?”
- “Where was God on 9-11?”
- “Was Katrina part of God’s Plan?”
- “How could a loving God allow my mother to die when I was just a child?”
- “Where was God when I was being abused?”

**Why have thousands of innocent people suffered the loss of loved ones or their own lives in horrible and dehumanizing conflicts?**



**James 4:1-2** From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.



SOME  
"GOD OF LOVE"  
YOU ARE! WHY  
DID YOU DO  
THIS?



**Romans 9:20** Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to Him that formed it, Why hast Thou made me thus?

Why is there death?



Why do the living stop living?



# Epicurus

“Either God wants to abolish evil, and cannot; or he can, but does not want to. If he wants to, but cannot, he is impotent. If he can, but does not want to, he is wicked. If God can abolish evil, and God really wants to do it, why is there evil in the world?” — Epicurus

– “If there is a God, he is a malign thug.”

**Mark Twain**

**Acts 17:18-21** Then certain philosophers of the **Epicureans**, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

**“Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able?**

**Then he is not omnipotent.**

**Is he able, but not willing?**

**Then he is malevolent.**

**Is he both able and willing?**

**Then whence cometh evil?**

**Is he neither able nor willing?**

**Then why call him God?”**

**Epicurus**

**Greek philosopher, BC 341-270**



# OMNIPOTENT

1. Almighty; possessing unlimited power; all powerful. The being that can create worlds must be omnipotent.

2. Having unlimited power of a particular kind; as omnipotent love.

# The Sovereignty of God

**Daniel 2:20-22** Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: And He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him.

# **The Sovereignty of God**

**Deuteronomy 29:5** And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.



# **The Sovereignty of God**

**Isaiah 46:9-10** Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure:

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**MALEV'OLENT**, a. Having an evil disposition towards another or others; wishing evil to others; ill disposed, or disposed to injure others. A malevolent heart rejoices in the misfortunes of others.

1. Unfavorable; unpropitious; bringing calamity.



# The Goodness of God

**Ezekiel 18:23** Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

**Ezekiel 33:11** Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

# The Goodness of God

**Hebrews 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for **he that cometh to God must believe** that He is, and **that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.**

# The Goodness of God

**Psalms 25:8** **Good and upright is the LORD:** therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

**Psalms 34:8** O taste and see that **the LORD is good:** blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

**Psalms 36:7** **How excellent is Thy lovingkindness,** O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

# The Goodness of God

**Psalms 100:5** For **the LORD is good**;  
His mercy is everlasting; and His truth  
endureth to all generations.

**Psalms 106:1** Praise ye the LORD. O  
give thanks unto the LORD; for **He is  
good**: for His mercy endureth for ever.



# The Goodness of God

**Psalms 119:67-68** Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept Thy word. **Thou art good, and doest good**; teach me Thy statutes.

# The Goodness of God

**1 John 4:7-10** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love**. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that **good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

**Romans 12:1-2**


Indeed, the will of God is:

**good, and acceptable, and perfect...**

Romans 12:1-2



**Does God care  
when we suffer?**



**As a father pities his  
children, so the Lord  
pities those who fear Him**

**Psalms 103:13**

**1 Peter 5:7** Casting all your care upon Him; for **He careth for you.**

**Matthew 10:29-31** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father: but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

**Matthew 23:37** ...how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings...

**Hebrews 4:14-15** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For **we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities**; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.



**God /s Able To Stop Evil**

**God /s Good**

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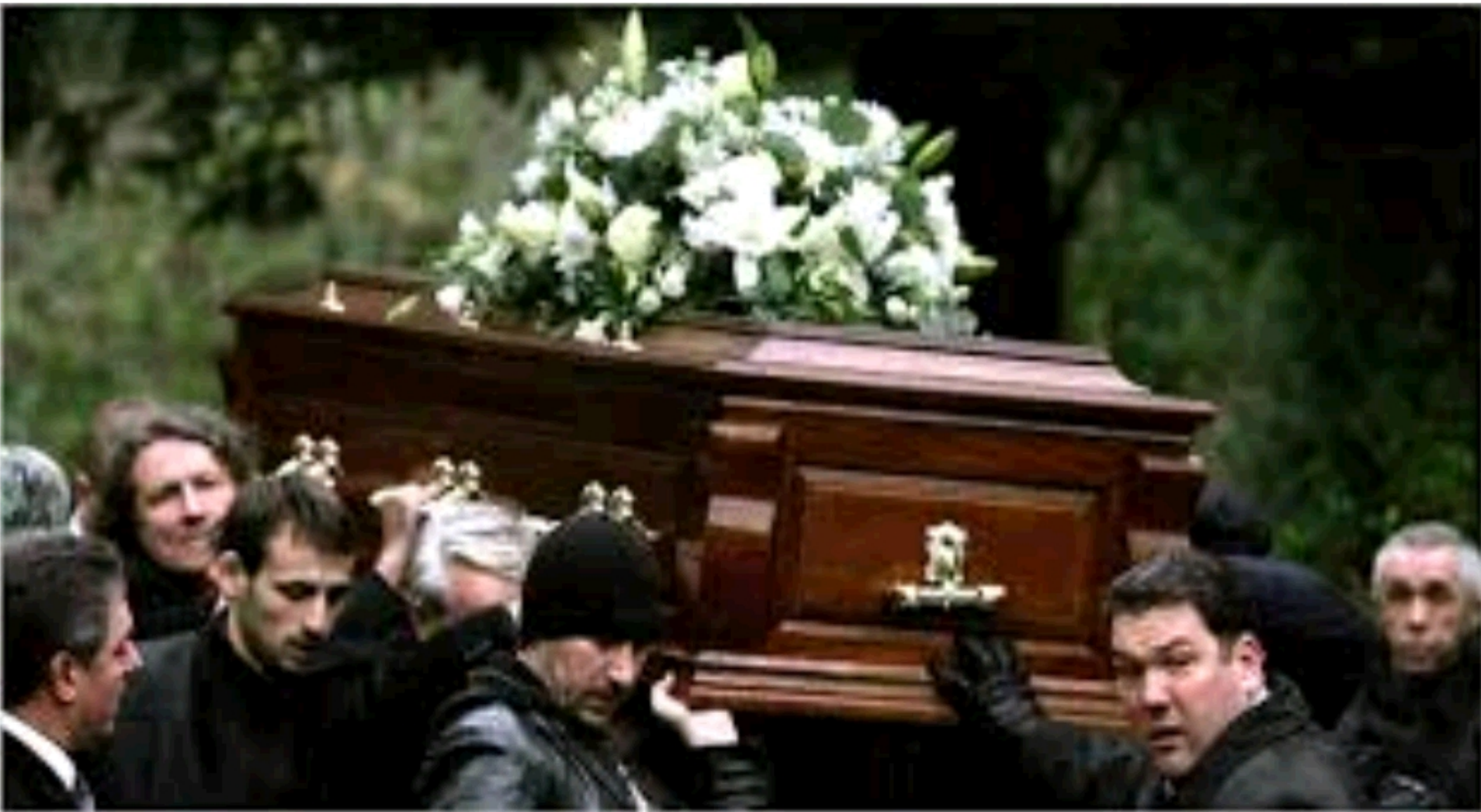
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“...then he is malevolent” is a presumptive fallacy.

It's a “false dilemma” which presumes that there are no other options available.

Why is there death?



Why do the living stop living?



**Psalms 104:24-30** LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all. The earth is full of Your riches. There is the sea, great and wide, In which are innumerable living things, Both small and large animals. There the ships go, And leviathan, whom You formed to play there. These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season. You give to them; they gather. You open Your hand; they are satisfied with good. You hide Your face: they are troubled; **You take away their breath: they die, and return to the dust.** You send forth Your Spirit: they are created. You renew the face of the ground.

***WHY* Did God Bring Death?**

# The Purpose of Death

**Romans 6:23** **For the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **WHY Did God Bring Death?**

**Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

# In The Beginning It Was Not So

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

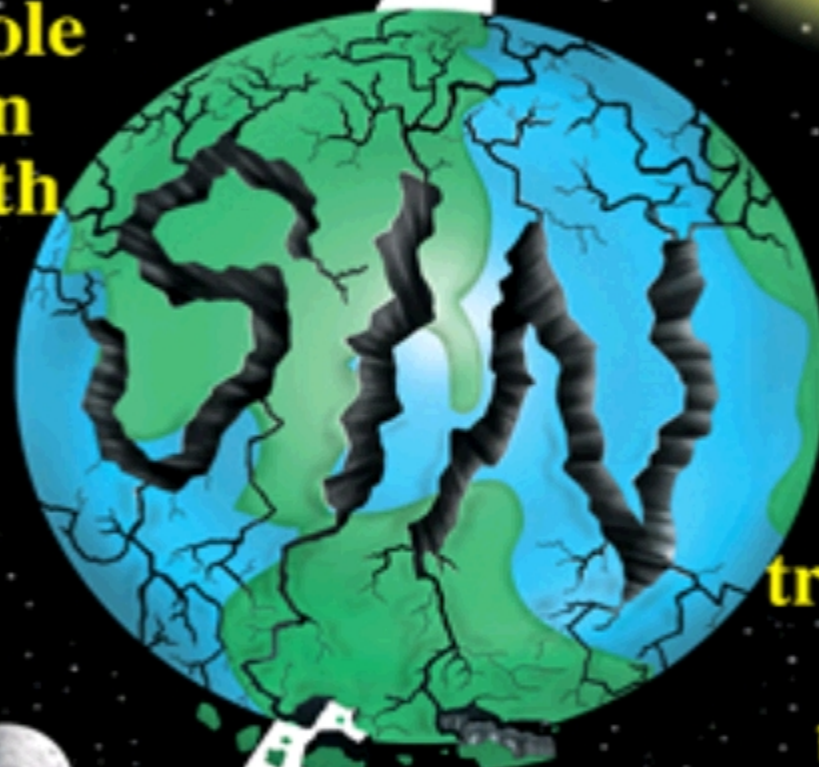
Genesis 1:31 And **God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.** And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.



**Genesis 2:15-17** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But **of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

**Genesis 3:17-19** And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake**; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

**For we  
know that  
the whole  
creation  
groaneth**



**and  
travaileth  
in pain  
together  
until now.**

**Romans 8:22**

**Contrary to popular opinion, God is not  
to blame for all the suffering in the  
world.**

**He's not some kind of monster, who causes  
the pain, death and heartache. Much of what  
we suffer is caused by man's own folly and  
self-destructive attitudes and trends.**



Why is a criminal  
imprisoned?

Who is at fault?




# Augustine's Free Will Defense

**God wants creatures who freely give trust, obedience, adoration, etc.**

- Ultimately, evil is the result of free will and sin**

# Free-Will Defense

- In order for humans to exercise free will, it was necessary to allow the possibility of evil
- It is logically impossible for God to create free creatures and guarantee they will never do evil
- If human behavior determined, no free response to God

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- God had sufficient reason to permit evil
    - Evil may be instrumental to other purposes
    - Evil may bring out other ‘goods’
    - Evil is a by-product of other good things
  - God has remedies for evil

***Should* God eliminate evil right now?**

**If God were to eliminate evil, God would be eliminating human kind as a whole. Life would not exist.**

**Because He is benevolent, He allows us to live--for the greater good of having life. The existence of evil is left on Earth for the greater good.**



**Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that **the wickedness of man was great** in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

**Genesis 6:12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, **it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.**

**1 John 5:19** And we know that we are of God, and **the whole world lieth in wickedness.**

**Romans 3:9-19** What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved **both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin**; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**

**Romans 1:20-23** For the invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse. Because, knowing God, they didn't glorify Him as God, neither gave thanks, but became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and traded the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.

**Romans 1:24-26** Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For their women changed the natural function into that which is against nature.

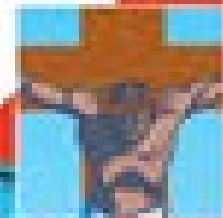
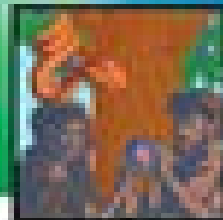
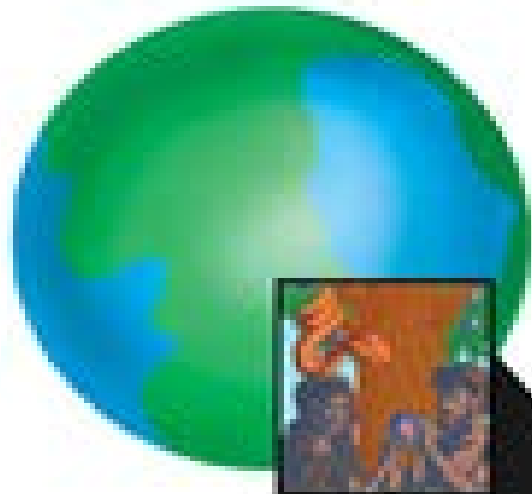


**Romans 1:27-28** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another, men doing what is inappropriate with men, and **receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error.** Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

# **The Solution**

**PERFECT WORLD**

**RESTORATION**



**INTRUSION**

DEATH  
DISEASE  
PAIN  
SUFFERING  
EMOTIONAL  
ANGUISH



**NEW HEAVEN  
AND  
NEW EARTH**

**Revelation 21:1-3** And **I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away**; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

**Revelation 21:4-6** He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away." He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true." He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life.

**Revelation 22:1-3** And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And **there shall be no more curse:** but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him:



For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him. Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**1 Corinthians 15:21-26**

**1 Corinthians 15:53-55** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

**Romans 8:18-23** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

**WHY**  
**DOES GOD ALLOW SIN**  
**AND SUFFERING?**

# A Purpose of Death

**Ecclesiastes 7:2** It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men, and **the living should take this to heart.**



# **The Sovereignty of God**

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

**James 1:2-3** My brethren, count it all joy when you enter into various trials; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith is working patience.

**Job 1:8-11** And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not Thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth Thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse Thee to Thy face.

**Job 1:12-15** And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

**Job 1:16-17** While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

**Job 1:18-19** While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.



**Job 1:20-22** Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and **worshipped**, And said, **Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.** In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.







WITH YOU  
PLEASE HELD



Over a hundred years ago in England, the borough of West Stanley endured a great tragedy. A mine collapsed, trapping and killing many of the workers inside. The bishop of Durham, Dr. Handley Moule, was asked to bring a word of comfort to the mourners.





Standing at the mouth of the mine, he said, “It is very difficult for us to understand why God should let such an awful disaster happen, but we know Him and trust Him, and all will be right.

I have at home,” he continued, “an old bookmark given to me by my mother. It is worked in silk, and, when I examine the wrong side of it, I see nothing but a tangle of threads, crossed and re-crossed. It looks like a big mistake. One would think that someone had done it who did not know what she was doing.



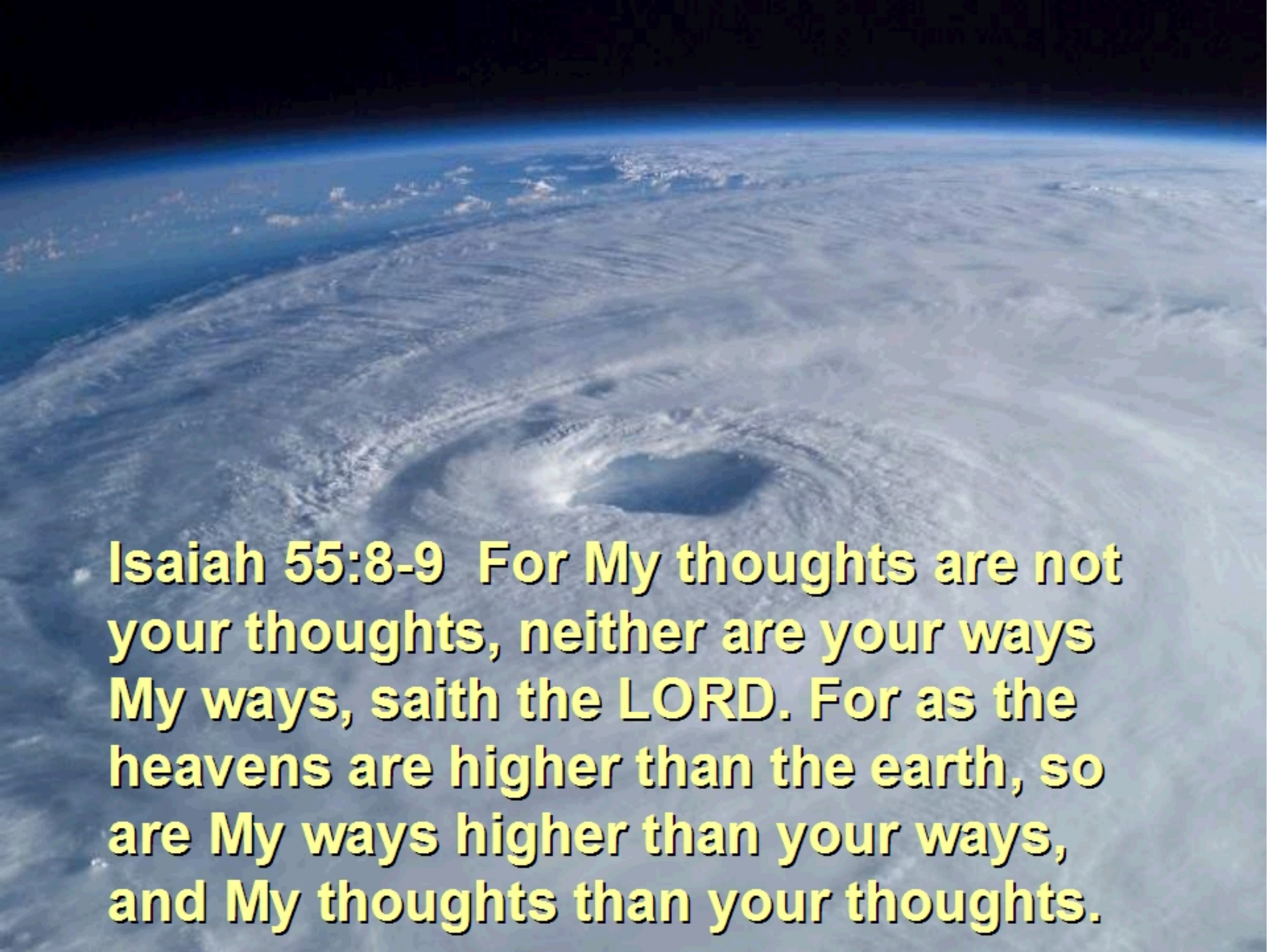


But when I turn it over and look at the right side, I see there, beautiful embroidered, the letters



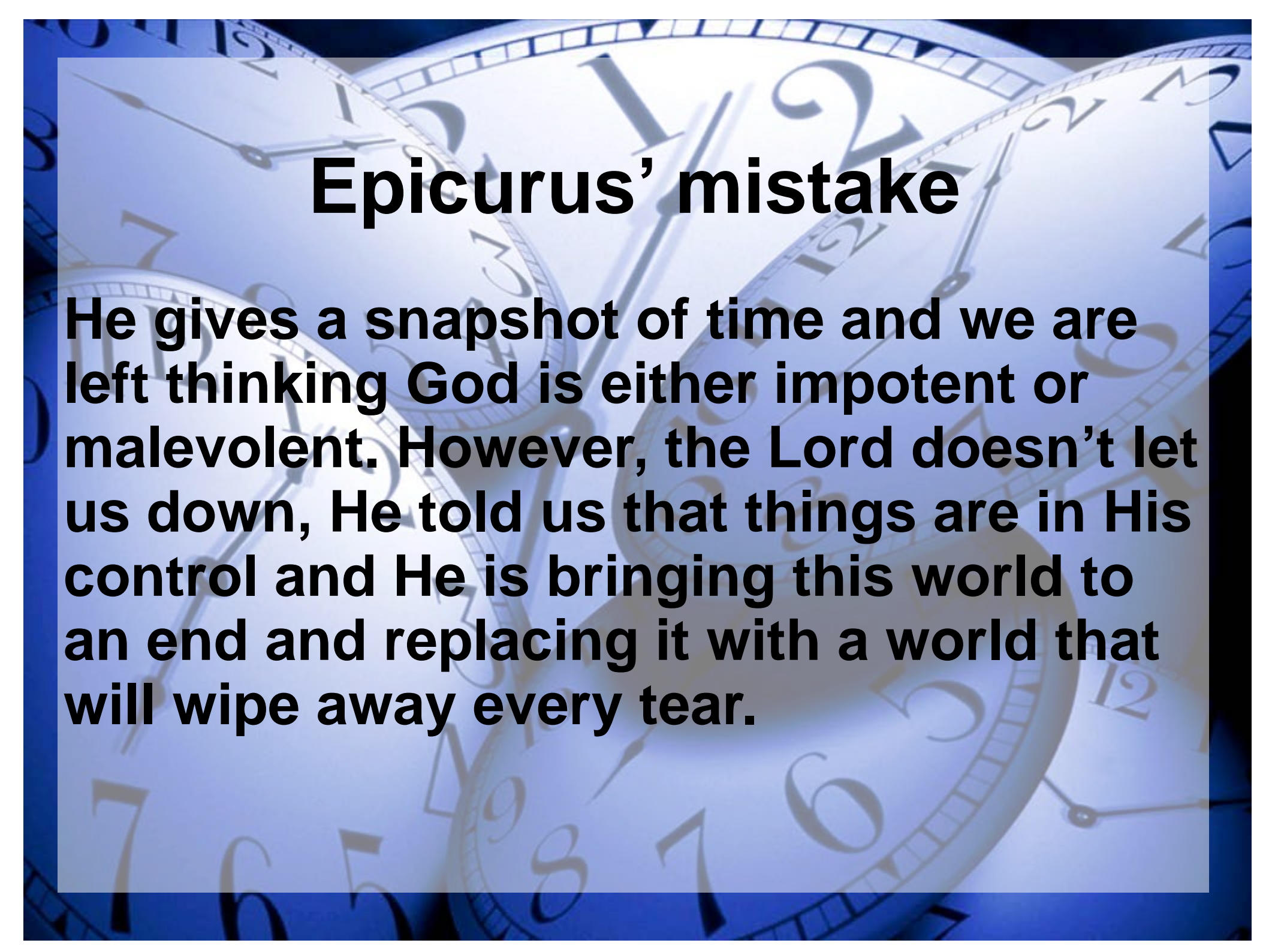
We are looking at this tragedy today from the wrong side. Someday we shall view it from another standpoint, and we shall understand."





**Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**





# **Epicurus' mistake**

**He gives a snapshot of time and we are left thinking God is either impotent or malevolent. However, the Lord doesn't let us down, He told us that things are in His control and He is bringing this world to an end and replacing it with a world that will wipe away every tear.**

**How can evil exist given an all-powerful, all-knowing and all-good God?**

**Answer:** God has the power and will to right every wrong of history at a single point in time, after which all evil will be eradicated and only good will survive.

# **The Time Is Coming And Now Is**

“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”  
(Psalm 90:2)

Since God is outside of time and eternal, then from a practical standpoint, if He will destroy evil at the end of time, then technically speaking He already has.

Answering Epicurus' riddle:

He is both able and willing. He has in fact already destroyed evil, it just hasn't happened yet IN FULLNESS.

Acts 17:31 ...**He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness** by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.



# ETERNAL JUDGMENT

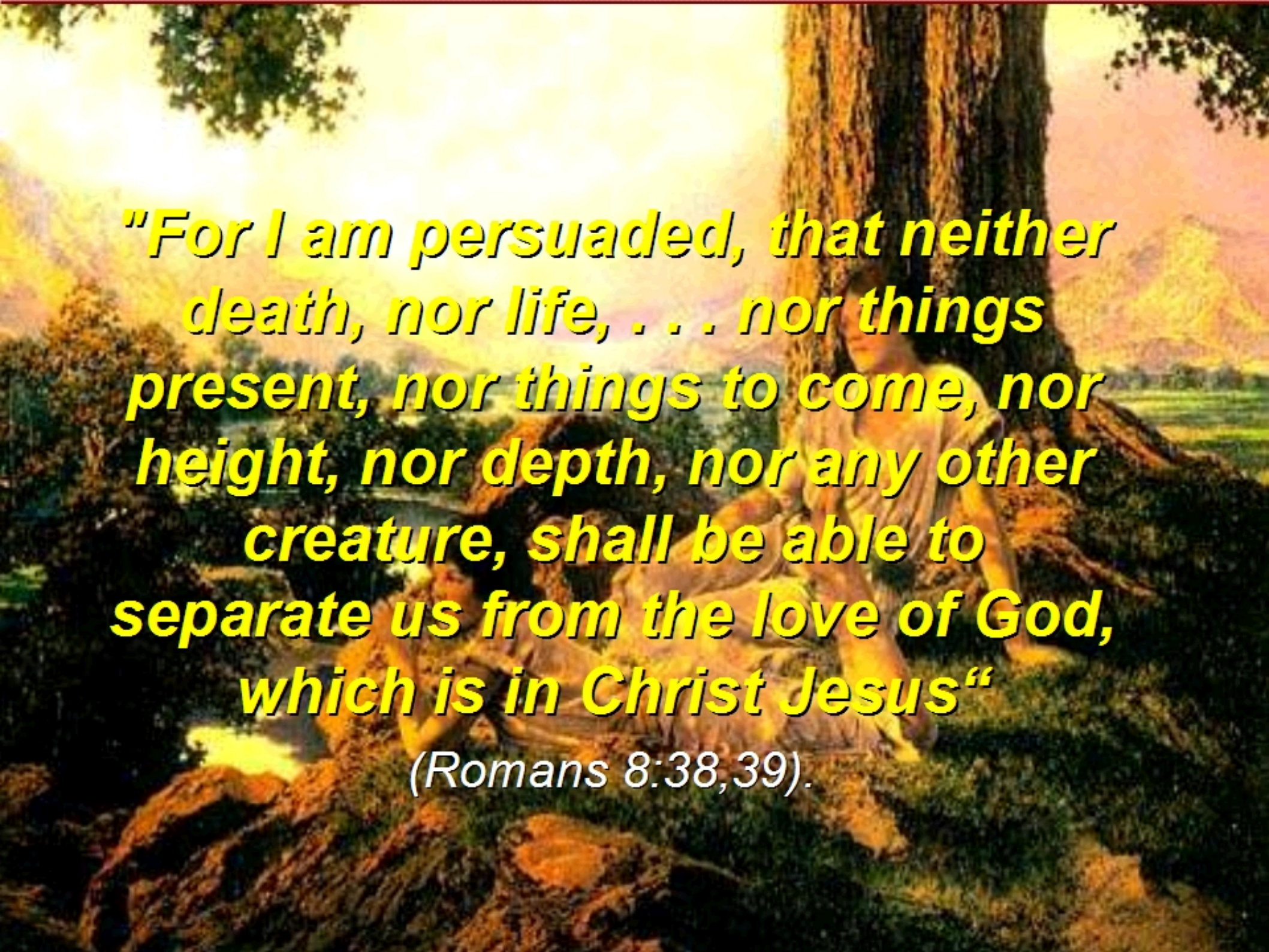
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*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10*

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** For which cause we faint not; but **though our outward man perish**, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

**2 Corinthians 5:1-4** For we know that if **our earthly house of this tabernacle** were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For **we that are in this tabernacle** do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.



A painting of a woman in a long, light-colored dress sitting on the ground under a large, ancient tree. She is looking down at her hands, which are resting on her lap. The scene is set in a lush, green forest with a soft, golden light filtering through the trees, suggesting a peaceful, contemplative moment. The background shows more trees and a hint of a landscape beyond.

***"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, . . . nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus"***

***(Romans 8:38,39).***





*Blessed Last Great Day*

God Is Good — All The Time!

HAPPY FEAST!

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**Thy  
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John 17:17



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Eph 6:17

And take..the sword of the  
spirit, which is the word of God.

**THANK YOU!!**