



## 1. The Apologetic for Hell

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## **2. The Reasonableness of the Biblical “Heaven”**

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## **3. An Embodied Afterlife**

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## **4. Help in Pointing to the Afterlife**

**A.**

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## A. Excessive Punishment?

### 1) Justice is “Appropriate” by Definition

*Genesis 18:25*

*Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”*



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*Revelation 16:5–7*

*“Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!” And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!”*

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### 2) Sin is a Bigger Offensive Than Assumed

*Psalm 50:19–21*

*You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.*

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### 3) Gravity Corresponds to the One Sinned Against

*Psalm 51:4*

*Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*



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### 4) Varied Degrees of Sin

*Exodus 22:5*

*If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed over, or lets his beast loose and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best in his own field and in his own vineyard.*



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#### *Leviticus 6:4–5*

*if he has sinned and has realized his guilt and will restore what he took by robbery or what he got by oppression or the deposit that was committed to him or the lost thing that he found or anything about which he has sworn falsely, he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day he realizes his guilt.*

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#### *Deuteronomy 19:4*

*“This [i.e., cities of refuge] is the provision for the manslayer, who by fleeing there may save his life. If anyone kills his neighbor unintentionally without having hated him in the past—*



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*Numbers 35:19–21*

*And if he pushed him out of hatred or hurled something at him, lying in wait, so that he died, or in enmity struck him down with his hand, so that he died, then he who struck the blow shall be put to death. He is a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.*

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### 5) Varied Sentences

#### *Revelation 20:12*

*And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.*



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***Luke 12:47–48***

***And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.***

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*James 3:1*

*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*



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## B. A Logical Consequence

### 1) Hostility Toward God

*Psalm 2:1–3*

*Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers  
take counsel together, against the LORD and against  
his Anointed, saying, “Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”*



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### 2) God as The Provider of All Good

*Matthew 5:44–45*

*But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*



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### 2) God as The Provider of All Good

*James 1:16–17*

*Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*



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### 3) God's Gracious Pursuit of Sinners

*Isaiah 65:1–2*

*I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;*

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### 4) Their Rejection of a Generous God

*1 Samuel 10:19*

*But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses*



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### 4) Their Rejection of a Generous God

*Jeremiah 2:13*

*for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*



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### 5) Their Rebellious Obstinance

*Romans 2:4–5*

*Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.*

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### 6) God's Withdrawal

*Hosea 9:17*

*My God will reject them because they have not listened to him; they shall be wanderers among the nations.*



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### 6) God's Withdrawal

#### *2 Thessalonians 1:9*

*They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might*





## 2. The Reasonableness of the Biblical “Heaven”

### A. Possible by God’s Grace

*Psalm 103:8–10*

*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*



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*Ephesians 2:8–9*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*



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### B. The “Teleios” of God’s Place

#### 1) *Designed for Us*

##### *Revelation 21:2*

*And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*



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#### 2) *A Painless Reality*

*Revelation 21:4*

*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
and death shall be no more, neither shall there be  
mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the  
former things have passed away.*



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#### 3) A “Rewarding” Reality

##### a) For Sacrifices

***Matthew 19:21***

***Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”***



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##### b) For Suffering

*Luke 6:22–23*

*Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven*

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3) *A “Rewarding” Reality*

c) *For Service*

*Matthew 10:42*

*And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.*



### 3. An Embodied Afterlife

#### A. The Importance of Clarity

*1 Peter 3:15*

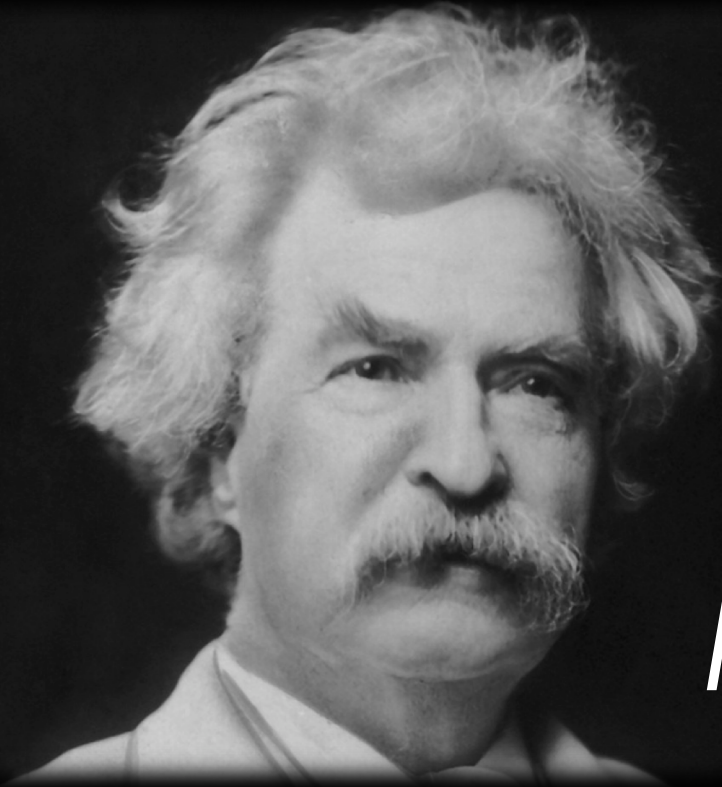
*but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,  
always being prepared to make a defense to anyone  
who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;  
yet do it with gentleness and respect*



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*“You can go to heaven if you want to,  
I’d rather stay right here in Bermuda”*



*Mark Twain*











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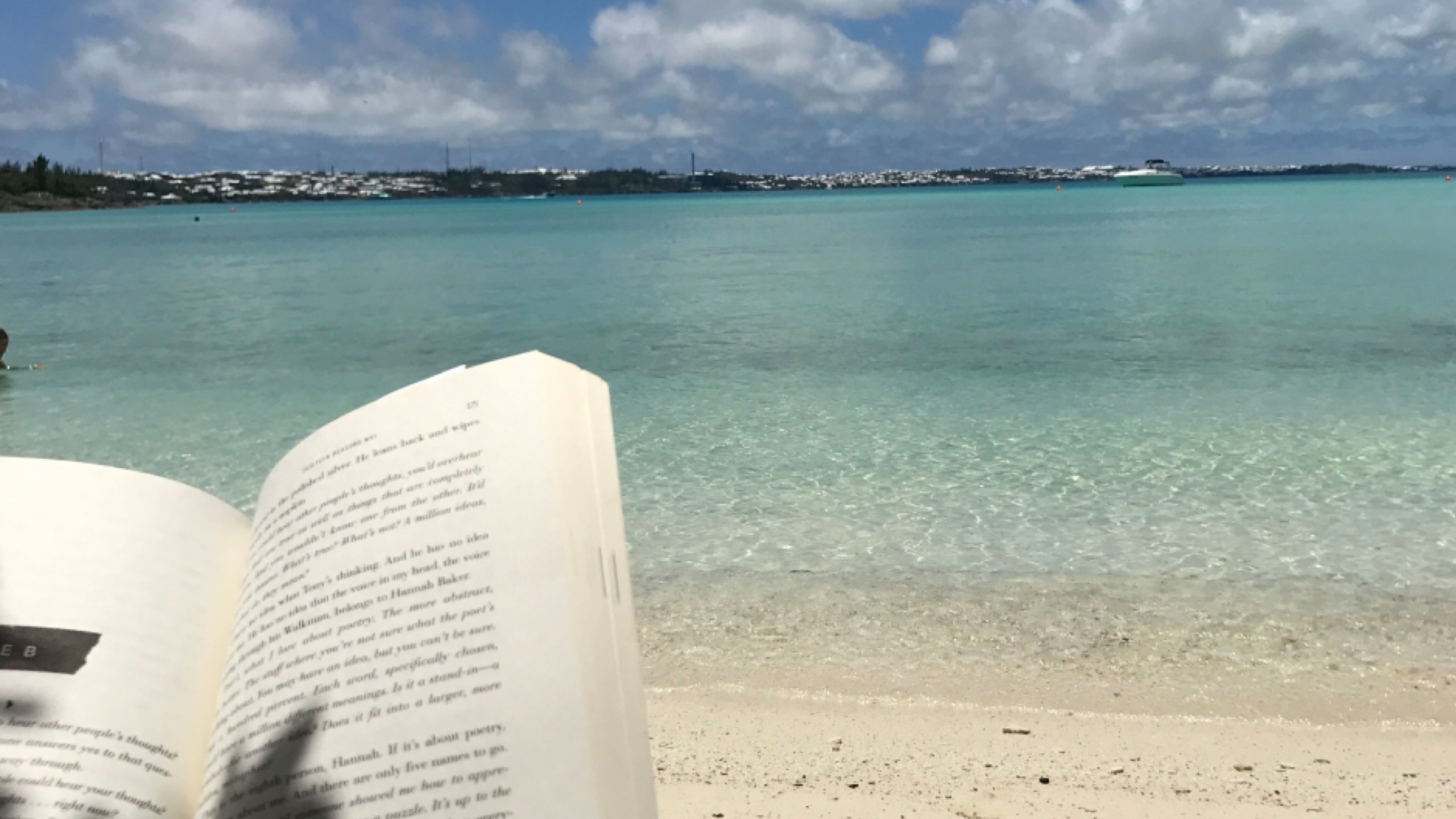
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...about. You may have an idea, but you can't be sure.  
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...person, Hannah. If it's about poetry,  
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#### A. The Importance of Clarity

*2 Peter 3:13*

*But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*



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#### B. A Bodily Existence

*Genesis 2:7*

*then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*



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*Acts 24:15*

*there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.*



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*Daniel 12:2*

*And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*



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*1 Corinthians 15:42–44*

*So is it with the resurrection of the dead.*

*What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.*

*It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.*

*It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.*

*It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.*





### 3. An Embodied Afterlife

#### C. A Physical Environment

*Revelation 21:1*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away*



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*Romans 8:22–24*

*For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.*



### 3. An Embodied Afterlife

#### C. A Physical Environment

##### *Revelation 21:12–14*

*It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

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#### C. A Physical Environment

*Luke 24:41–43*

*And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.*



## 4. Our Assistants in Pointing to the Afterlife

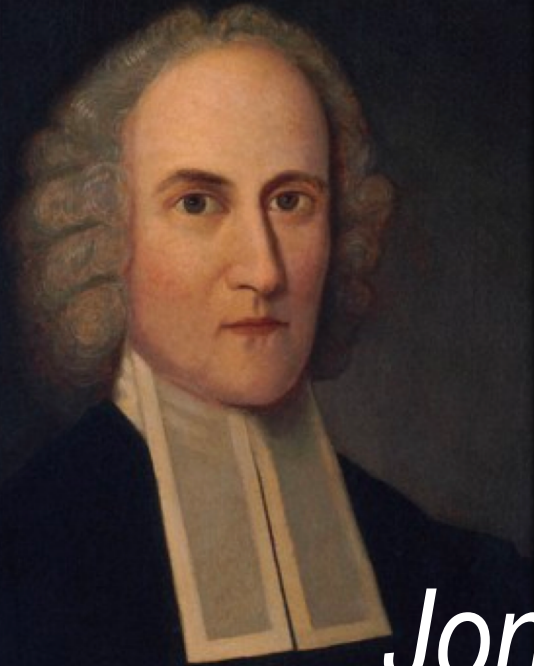
### A. Our Fallen Bodies

*Genesis 3:19*

*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*



*If we spend our lives in the pursuit of a temporal happiness; as riches or sensual pleasures; credit and esteem from men; delight in our children, and the prospect of seeing them well brought up, and well settled, etc. —All these things will be of little significance to us. Death will blow up all our hopes, and will put an end to these enjoyments.*



*Jonathan Edwards*

## 4. Our Assistants in Pointing to the Afterlife

### B. Our Fallen World

*Ecclesiastes 1:2–3*

*Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?*



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*If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.*

A black and white portrait of C. S. Lewis, showing him from the chest up, wearing a suit and tie, looking slightly to the right of the camera.

*C. S. Lewis*



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### C. Our Fallen Nature

#### *1 Corinthians 13:12*

*For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.  
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have  
been fully known.*

#### *1 John 3:2*

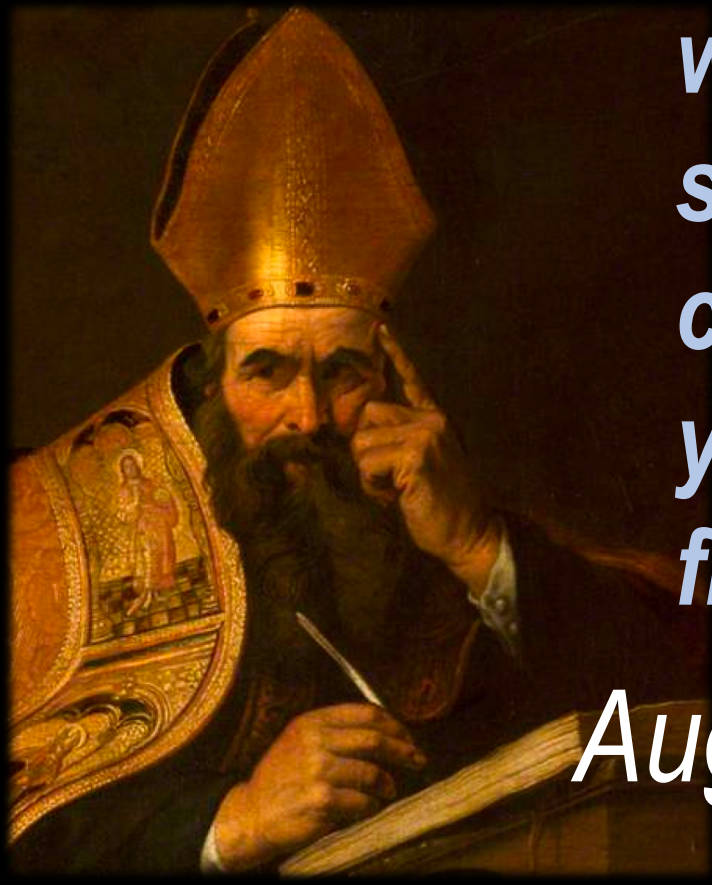
*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be  
has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears  
we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

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*Man is one of your creatures, Lord, and his instinct is to praise you. He bears about him the mark of death, the sign of his own sin, to remind him that you thwart the proud. But still, since he is a part of your creation, he wishes to praise you. The thought of you stirs him so deeply that he cannot be content unless he praises you, because you made us for yourself and our hearts find no peace until they rest in you.*

*Augustine*





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