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Get into the Ark

Sanctuary



**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Nutrition: Protein

Benefits of Plant-based Protein vs Animal Protein:

Associating protein with animal products is ingrained in our society. Many are taught that protein is only found in animal products and that they are necessary for survival.

Specific benefit of plant-based proteins is - contains fibre.

Benefits of plant-based protein include: < risk of cancer & cardiovascular disease. Beneficial for weight management.

Complete vs Incomplete Protein Sources:

A 'complete protein' is a source of protein that contains all nine essential amino acids. These amino acids can't be produced by the body, must get them from dietary sources

Some plant-based sources of protein are complete proteins, others may be missing one or more amino acids.

COMPLETE PROTEIN SOURCES: Quinoa, Tofu, Tempeh, Buckwheat, Rice & beans (combination), Soybeans, Hemp seeds, Chia seeds, Spirulina, etc...

INCOMPLETE PROTEIN SOURCES: Grains, Nuts and seeds, Legumes/beans, Nutritional Yeast, Vegetables - Green Peas, Spinach, Broccoli etc...

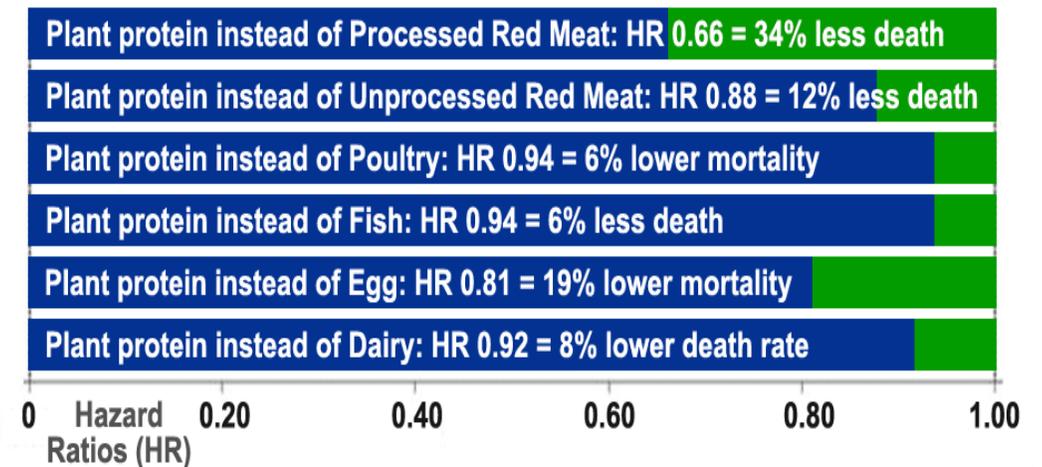
Simply need to ensure consuming a variety of protein sources over the day which will meet the requirements.

PROTEIN FROM ANIMALS = MORE DEATH

JAMA Internal Medicine reports on a study of 130,000+ people, comparing death rates associated with plant vs animal protein intake:

"Plant protein was associated with lower all-cause mortality..." [1]

This diagram shows the reduced hazard ratios (HR) for all-cause "mortality for substitution of 3% energy from plant protein for the same amount of animal protein..."



Dr Kim Williams, recent president of the American College of Cardiology remarks on these findings: **"THERE ARE NO SAFE ANIMAL PRODUCTS"**

Ref: [youtube.com/watch?v=LU2kSwJsA4M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LU2kSwJsA4M) (2019-04)



Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?



Yes we Can!



Ezekiel 4:9



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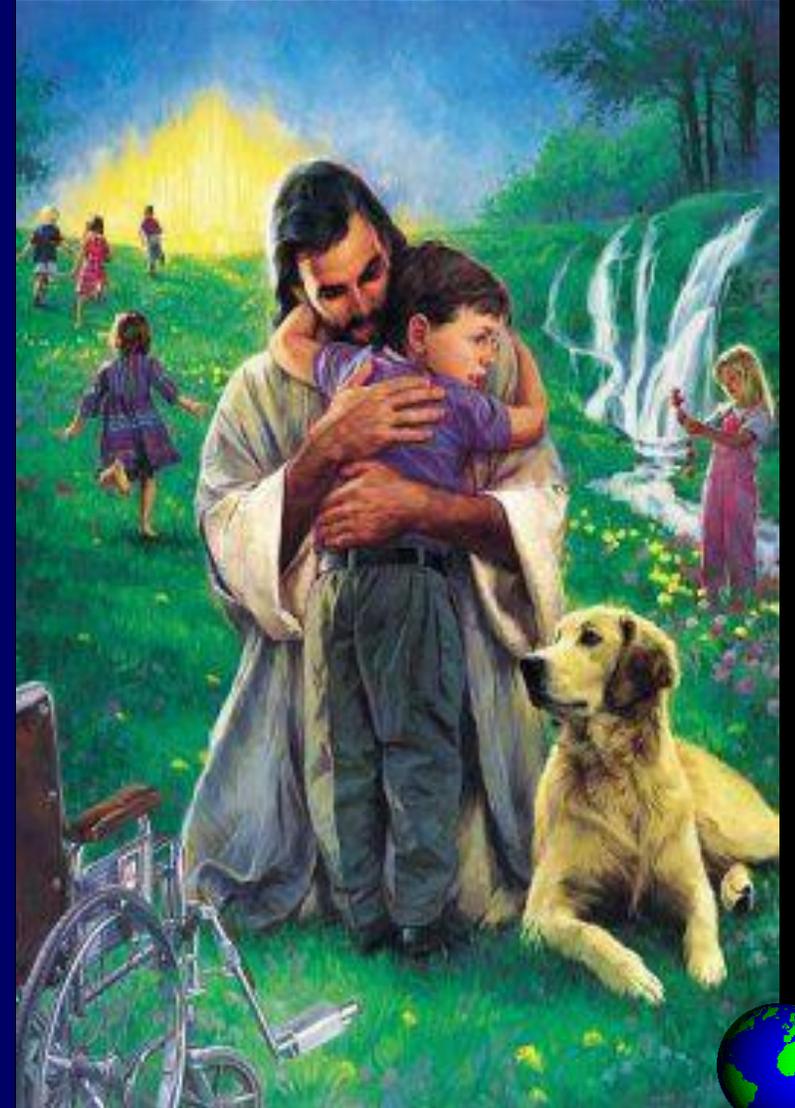


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Introduction - "Is Heaven real?"

Just as God has put in men's hearts the knowledge that He exists ([Romans 1:19-20](#)), so also is put in our hearts to desire heaven. It is the theme of countless books, songs, and works of art. Unfortunately, our sin has barred the way to heaven. Since heaven is the abode of a holy and perfect God, sin has no place there, nor can it be tolerated. Fortunately, God has provided for us the key to open the doors of heaven—Jesus Christ ([John 14:6](#)). All who believe in Him and seek forgiveness for sin will find the doors of heaven swung wide open for them. May the future glory of our eternal home motivate us all to serve God faithfully and wholeheartedly. “Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is his body, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart full of assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water” ([Hebrews 10:19-22](#)).



"Is Heaven real?" cont'd...

When people deny the existence of heaven, they deny not only the written Word of God, but they also deny the innermost longings of their own hearts. Paul addressed this issue in his letter to the Corinthians, encouraging them to cling to the hope of heaven so that they would not lose heart. Although we “groan and sigh” in our earthly state, we have the hope of heaven always before us and are eager to get there ([2 Corinthians 5:1-4](#)). Paul urged the Corinthians to look forward to their eternal home in heaven, a perspective that would enable them to endure hardships and disappointments in this life. “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” ([2 Corinthians 4:17-18](#)).



Some questions on Heaven - is it real?

The concept of heaven as some sort of an other worldly paradise, better than anything our mundane existence on planet Earth has to offer, is embraced by nearly all religions. Billions of believers yearn to be there.

- But if heaven really exists, what is it like?
- Is it a literal three-dimensional place or is it merely a metaphorical mental state?
- Is it located on the surface of a cosmic sphere somewhere in outer space or is sequestered in a secret spot here on planet Earth?
- Is there only one heaven or are there multiple heavens?
- Is it inhabited only by divine beings or is it accessible to mortal earthlings?
- Is it entered by the redeemed immediately after death or do we have to wait until Jesus returns?
- Is it a blissful theme park where we fellowship eternally with friends and divine beings, or is it a monotonously boring place where we simply sit on clouds and play harps?



There are many perceptions of heaven

There is considerable variation among the different religions in how heaven is perceived, even among Christians who ostensibly base their beliefs on the Bible. Our perceptions of what heaven is like should be based on scripture, but our views vary depending on our interpretations of scripture and our perspectives may be tainted by what we are told by parents, pastors, teachers, or friends, or by what we see in movies and other media. Setting aside for the time being what others believe, let's focus on what the Bible reveals about heaven.



Is heaven literal or metaphorical?

The Hebrew word for “heaven” (*shamayim*) is used 392 times in the Old Testament.

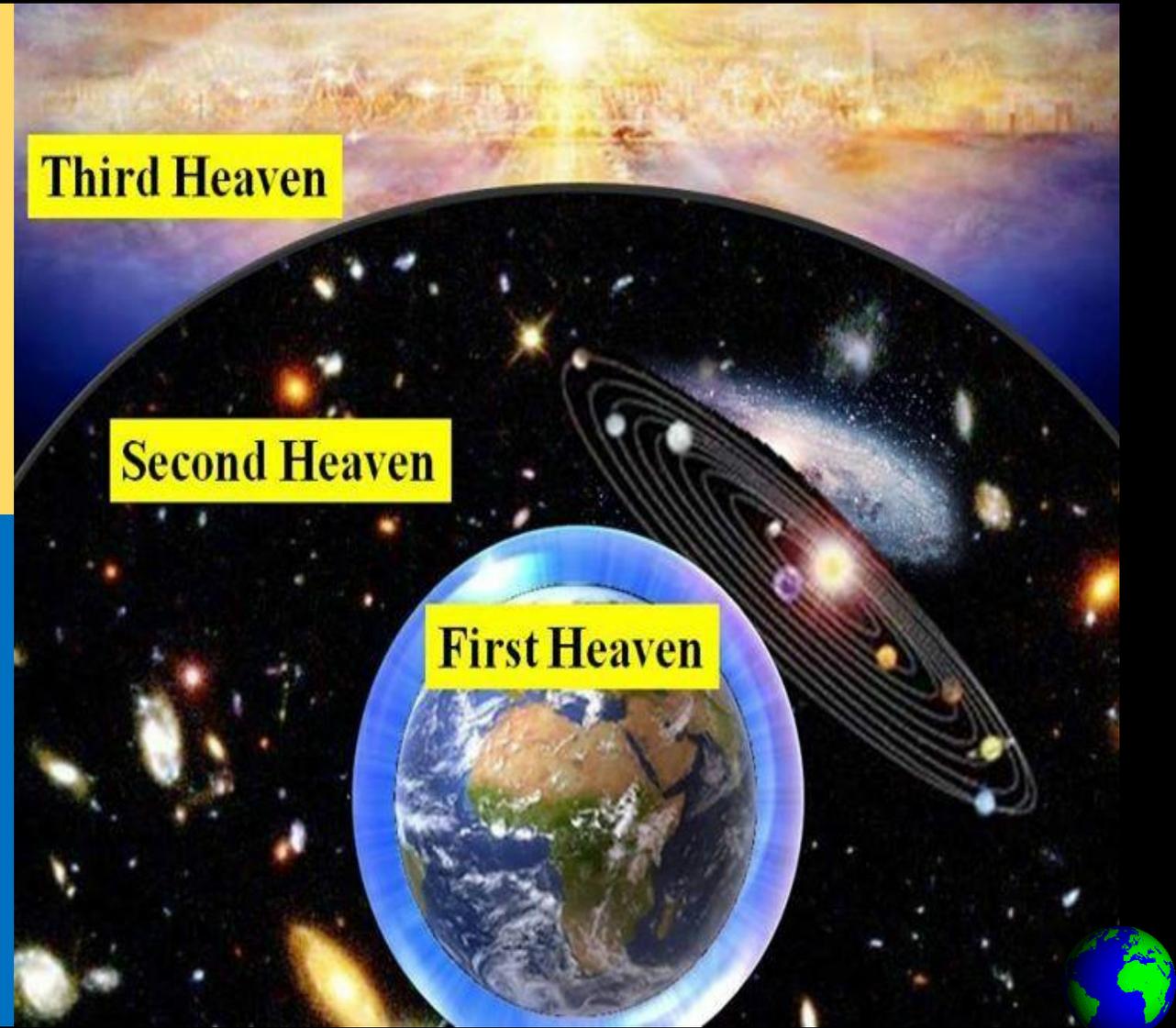
The Greek word for “heaven” (*ouranos*) is used 256 times in the New Testament.



How many heavens are there?

The dwelling place of God is usually referred to as singular “heaven.” Aside from the frequently used term “heavens,” which usually refers to the atmosphere or constellations, there is only one enigmatic Bible text explicitly quantifying the number of heavens.

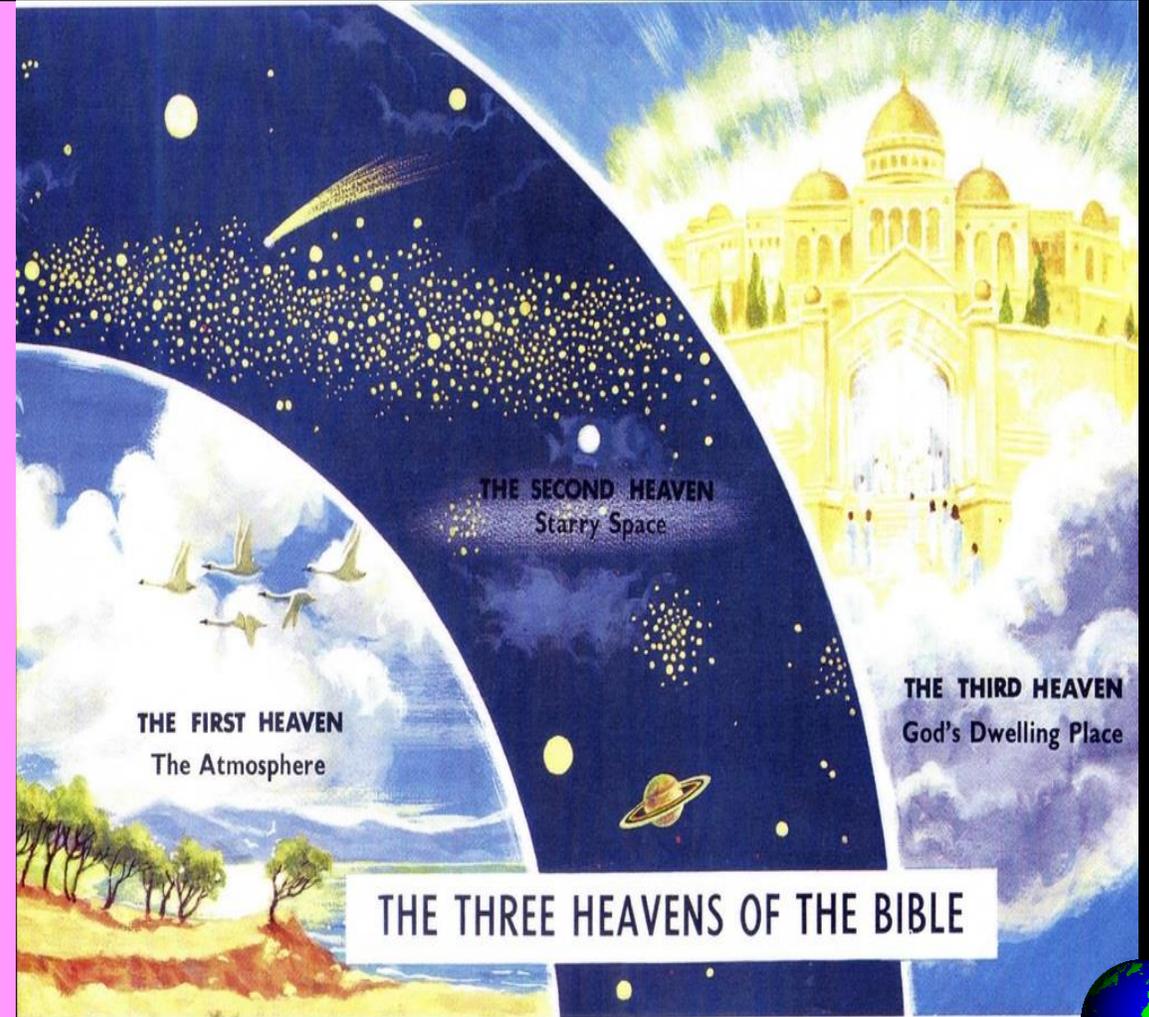
2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. – 2 Corinthians 12



The 3 heavens as recorded in the Bible

The terms “heaven” or “heavens” usually have three distinct meanings:

- 1) **The Earth’s atmosphere:** in which birds fly (Lamentations 4:19) and from which rain and snow fall (e.g., Deuteronomy 11:11; Isaiah 55:10; Acts 14:17).
- 2) **More distant heavenly bodies:** including the moon and stars or the entire universe (e.g., Genesis 1:1).
- 3) **The abode of God:** (e.g., Matthew 6:9), which is usually what comes to mind when we think of heaven.



Heaven is literal – Jesus describes it

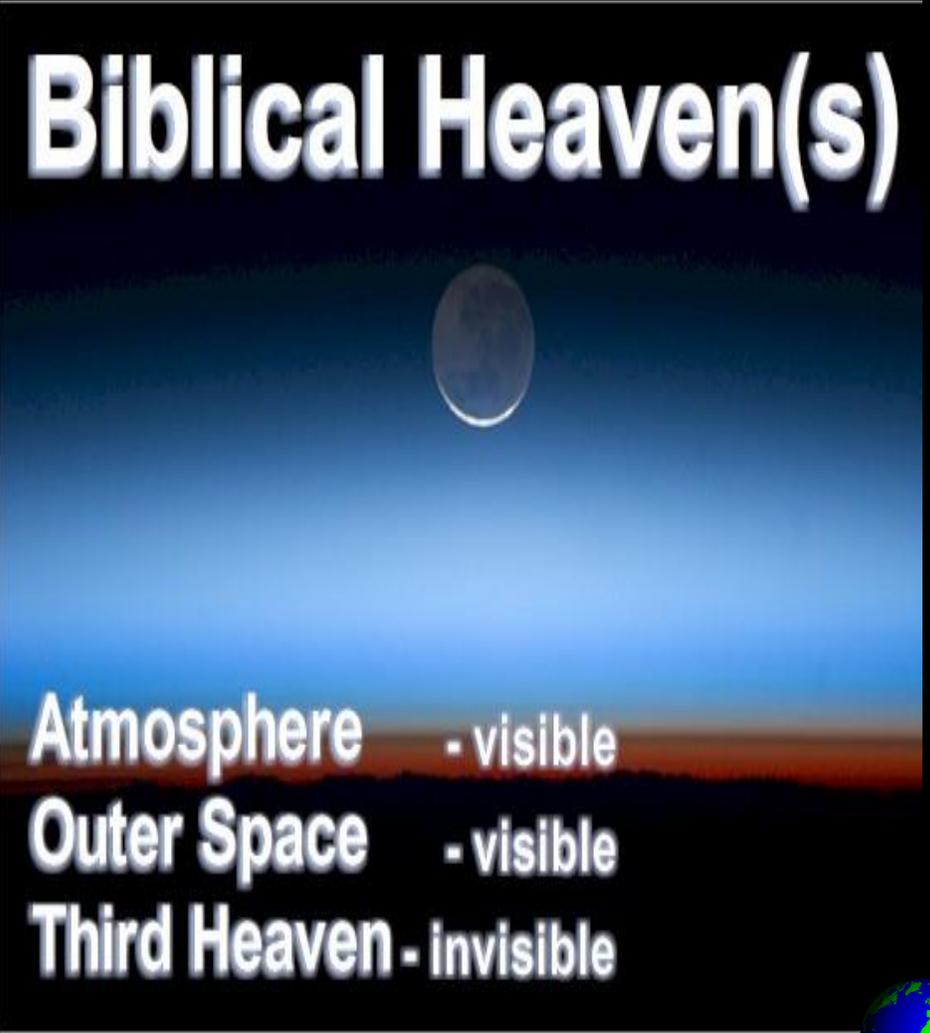
“Heaven” can also substitute for the name of God, such as “sinning against heaven” (Luke 15:18-21). The first two of the three usual meanings (the atmosphere and the universe) are certainly literal, for we can see them. The description of heaven being a literal place comes directly from the words of Jesus in John 14:2-3: “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.”



"Where is heaven? What is the location of heaven?"

Bible verses indicating heaven to be “above” the earth” are numerous. At the [Tower of Babel](#), God says, “Come, let us go down” ([Genesis 11:7](#)) Heaven is described as “high above the earth” in [Psalm 103:11](#), and the place from which the Lord “looks down” in [Psalm 14:2](#). Jesus is described as having “ascended into heaven” and “descended from heaven” in [John 3:13 \(ESV\)](#). In [Acts 1:9-11](#) Jesus is described as being taken “up” into heaven, and when God takes John to heaven in [Revelation 4:1](#), He says, “Come up here.” These passages have led to the conclusion that heaven is beyond the earth’s airspace and beyond the stars.

Biblical Heaven(s)



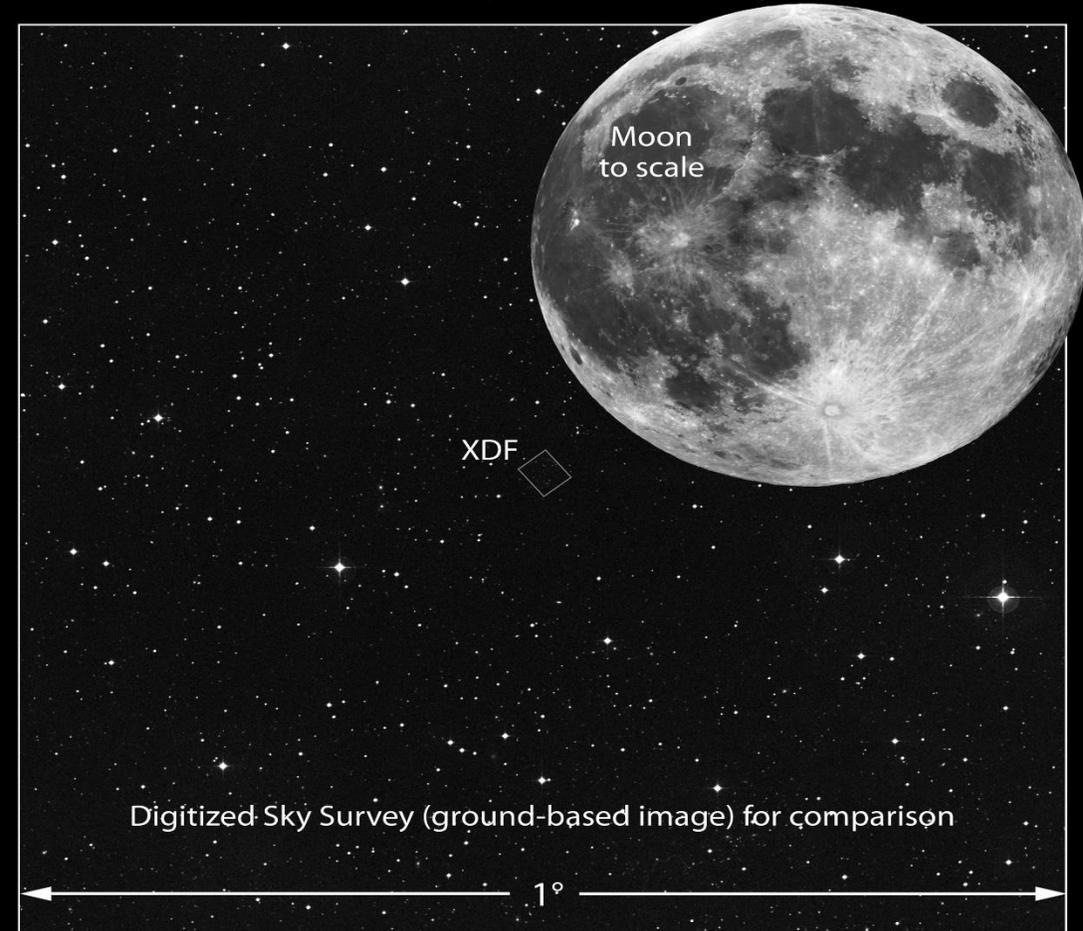
Atmosphere - visible
Outer Space - visible
Third Heaven - invisible



The Hubble Space Telescope picture of 2nd Heaven

Scientists have not even been able to chart the size of the known physical universe. There is a photo called the XDF (eXtreme Deep Field) that was put together from images taken by the Hubble Space Telescope over the course of ten years. It shows a vast number of galaxies, each comprising billions of stars like our sun. Our sun is 93 million miles away from the earth. And the galaxies are very, very far apart—Andromeda, the closest galaxy to our own, is 2.2 million light years away. To give an idea of how far that is, a shuttle traveling at 18,000 miles per hour would need 37,200 years to travel *one* light year. The universe is absolutely huge—and God created it all.

Size of Hubble eXtreme Deep Field on the Sky



More on, Where is heaven located?

The Bible does not state where heaven is located, but lots of verses refer to both heaven and earth as though they are distinctly different places: Deuteronomy 4:39; Joshua 2:11; 2 Kings 19:15; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12, 6:14; Ezra 5:11; Psalm 6:34, 115:15, 121:2, 124:8, 134:3, 146:6; Ecclesiastes 5:2; Isaiah 14:12, 37:16, 66:1; Jeremiah 33:25, 51:48; Matthew 5:18; 6:19-20, 24:35, 28:18; Mark 13:31; Luke 2:14, 10:21, 16:17, 21:33; John 14:2-3; Acts 14:15, 17:24; 1 Corinthians 8:5, 15:40-49; Ephesians 3:15; Colossians 1:16-20; 3:2; Philippians 2:10; 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Hebrews 1:10; 2 Peter 1:18.



Who inhabits heaven? - God

The Bible repeatedly declares that heaven is the dwelling place of God: (Deuteronomy 26:15; 1 Kings 8:30-49; 2 Chronicles 6:23-39, 18:18, 30:27; Psalm 11:4, 20:6, 102:19, 103:19, 115:3; Ecclesiastes 5:2; Isaiah 66:1; Matthew 5:16-45, 6:1-32, 7:11, 10:32-33; 12:50, 16:17, 18:10-35, 23:9; Mark 11:25; Acts 7:49-56; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 4:1; 2 Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 1:3, 12:22; Revelation 11:19, 13:6).



Jesus WAS and IS in heaven

Jesus was in heaven before his earthly ministry: (John 3:13-31, 6:33-58; Ephesians 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, Revelation 7:9-11),

And after his earthly ministry Jesus returned to heaven:

(Luke 24:51; Acts 1:1-11, 7:56; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Hebrews 4:14, 8:1-2, 9:24-26, 12:22-24; 1 Peter 3:21-22).



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(Matthew 18:10, 22:30, 28:2; Mark 12:25, 13:32, 16:19; Luke 2:13-15, 22:43; John 1:51, Galatians 1:8; Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 10:1, 11:11, 12:7-9, 14:7, 15:1-6, 18:1, 20:1) and presumably represent the “host” of heaven mentioned in a few texts (2 Chronicles 18:18; Nehemiah 9:6).



Satan and his angels dwelled in heaven

Satan and his angels dwelled in heaven until they were expelled after a war with Michael (usually interpreted as Jesus) and his angels.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. - Revelation 12



Enoch “walked with God” and God took him

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him. - Genesis 5

Enoch
walked
with **GOD**

Genesis 5:24



The prophet Elijah “went up by a whirlwind

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. – 2 Kings



Moses the Prophet was specially resurrected and taken to heaven

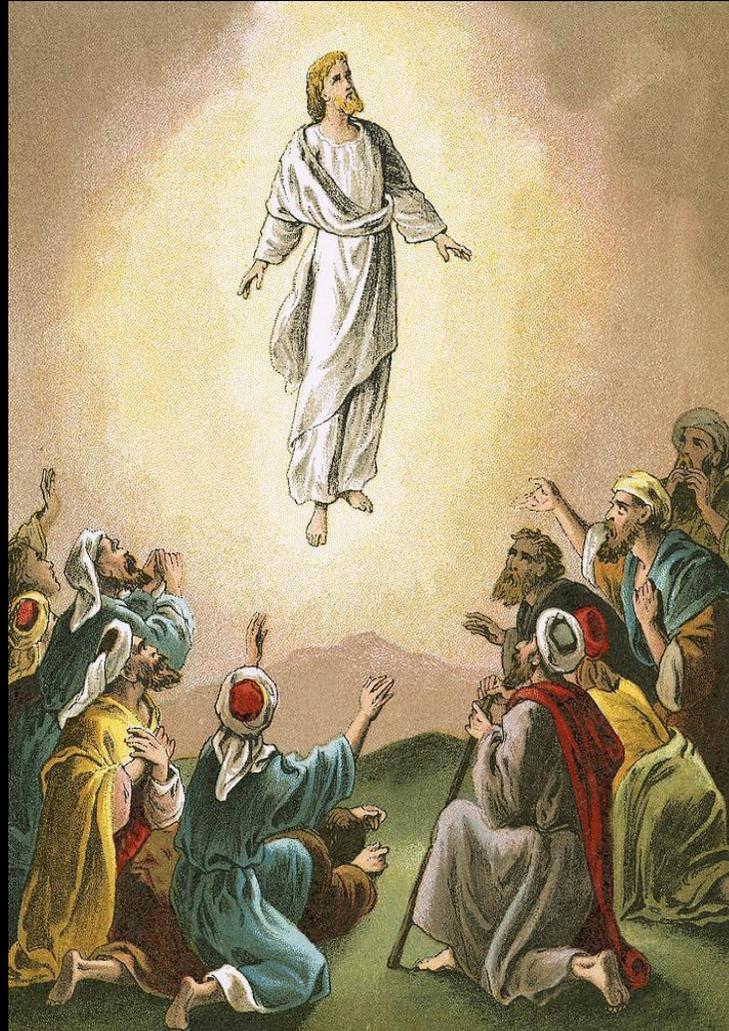
9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. Jude 1



Those that resurrected and ascended with Jesus

Resurrection of saints at the death of Jesus - Matthew 27:51-53

And when Christ ascended He led with Him this “multitude of captives” ([Ephesians 4:8](#), [Psalm 68:17, 18](#)). The chain of death was demonstrably broken. Satan’s captives were recaptured by the greater power of Christ, and Christ thus led them up to Heaven in triumphal procession. Thus it was that “having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” ([Colossians 2:15](#)). - CFF1 483.4



So, what is heaven like?

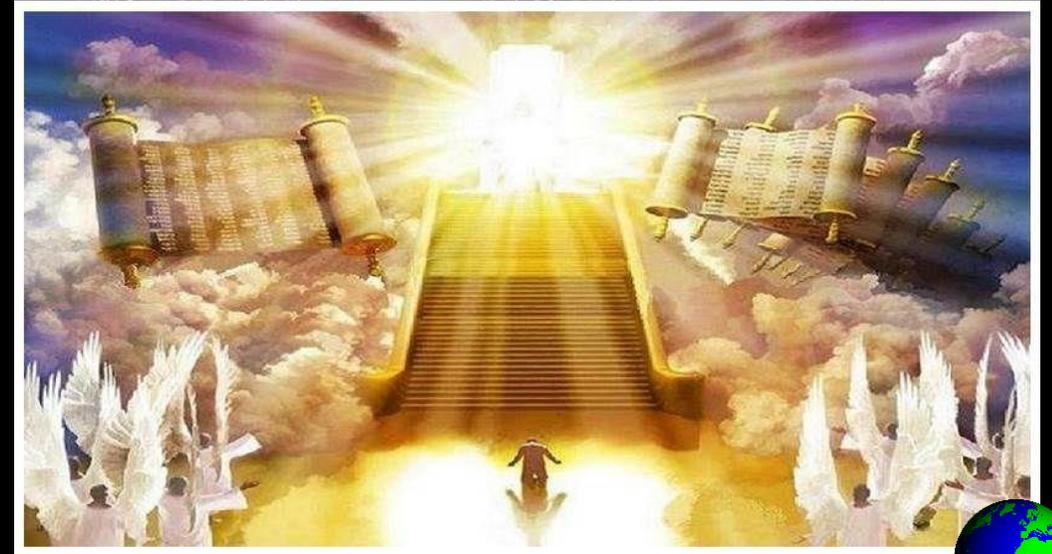
The Bible informs about the physical appearance of heaven: that there are many homes in which we will live (John 14:2-3) in the city of the living God, where multitudes gather to worship (Hebrews 12:22-23). Within this city is the temple of God with the ark of the covenant (Revelation 3:12, 7:15, 11:19, 15:5). Inside the temple there is an open door leading to God's throne, which is encircled by a rainbow and surrounded by twenty-four other thrones, and nearby there are seven lamps (Revelation 4:1-5, 7:9-17). In front of the throne there is a sea of glass that is crystal clear (Revelation 4:6, 15:1-2).



What is heaven like? Cont'd....

The apostle John was privileged to see and report on the heavenly city ([Revelation 21:10-27](#)). John witnessed that heaven (the new earth) possesses the “glory of God” ([Revelation 21:11](#)), the very presence of God. Because heaven has no night and the Lord Himself is the light, the sun and moon are no longer needed ([Revelation 22:5](#)).

The city is filled with the brilliance of the stones and crystal clear jasper. Heaven has twelve gates ([Revelation 21:12](#)) and twelve foundations ([Revelation 21:14](#)). The paradise of the Garden of Eden is restored: the river of the water of life flows freely and the tree of life is available once again, yielding fruit monthly with leaves that “heal the nations” ([Revelation 22:1-2](#)). However eloquent John was in his description of heaven, the reality of heaven is beyond the ability of finite man to describe ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).



What will our daily lives be like in heaven?

We are told that “no eye has seen, ...no ear has heard, and...no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). Nevertheless, the Bible provides glimpses of what life will be like in heaven.

To begin, we will be much more comfortable. Our bodies will be transformed so that our previous infirmities will disappear, our new bodies will be incorruptible (Isaiah 35:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:42-54; Philippians 3:20-21), and we will all be beautiful (Zechariah 9:16-17). We are assured that we will no longer suffer from excessive heat, physical or emotional pain, crying, or death (Isaiah 65:19; Revelation 7:16, 17, 21:4).



All will live in harmony in heaven!

Surely we will be happy in heaven, rejoicing and leaping for joy (Luke 6:23). Although we will still eat food and drink water (Matthew 8:11, 26:29; Luke 22:18, 29-30; Revelation 19:9), we will no longer suffer from hunger and thirst (Revelation 7:16). Because the carnivorous beasts of our planet will be transformed into peaceful vegetarians in heaven (Isaiah 11:6-7, 65:25), we too will be vegetarian.



Heaven Is Not the Default Destination!

A recent poll indicated that for every American who believes he or she is going to hell, there are 120 who believe they're going to heaven.

This optimism stands in stark contrast to Jesus Christ's words written in the Bible: "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:13–14).

The truth is that according to the Bible we don't automatically go to heaven. In fact, hell—not heaven—is our default destination. Unless our sin problem is solved once and for all, we can't enter heaven. That's the bad news.



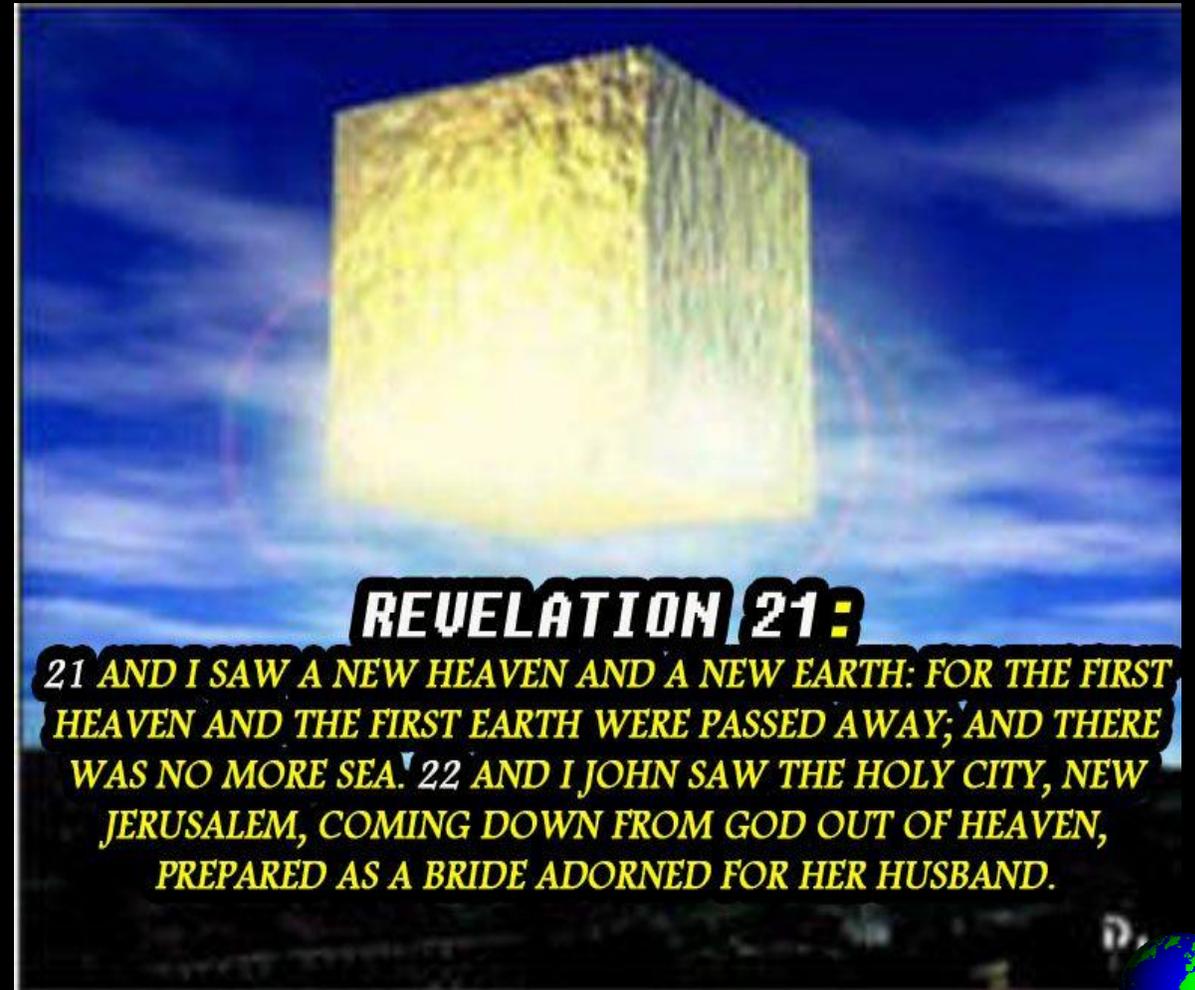
We are just a passing through on earth and heaven!

An old song says, “This world is not my home; I’m just a-passing through,” and a few lines later, “If heaven’s not my home, then, Lord, what will I do?” It is true that this world is not our home. But it would be Biblically correct to say that heaven is not our home, either. When we go to heaven, it, too, will be a place that we are just “passing through” as we await our new bodies made to live, work, worship, and fellowship on the new earth. In this sense, what we think of as heaven—a place of full enjoyment of the presence of God—will not be in heaven only, but on earth—the recreated new earth.



New heaven and new earth!

[Revelation 21:1–5](#) records this scene: “Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’”

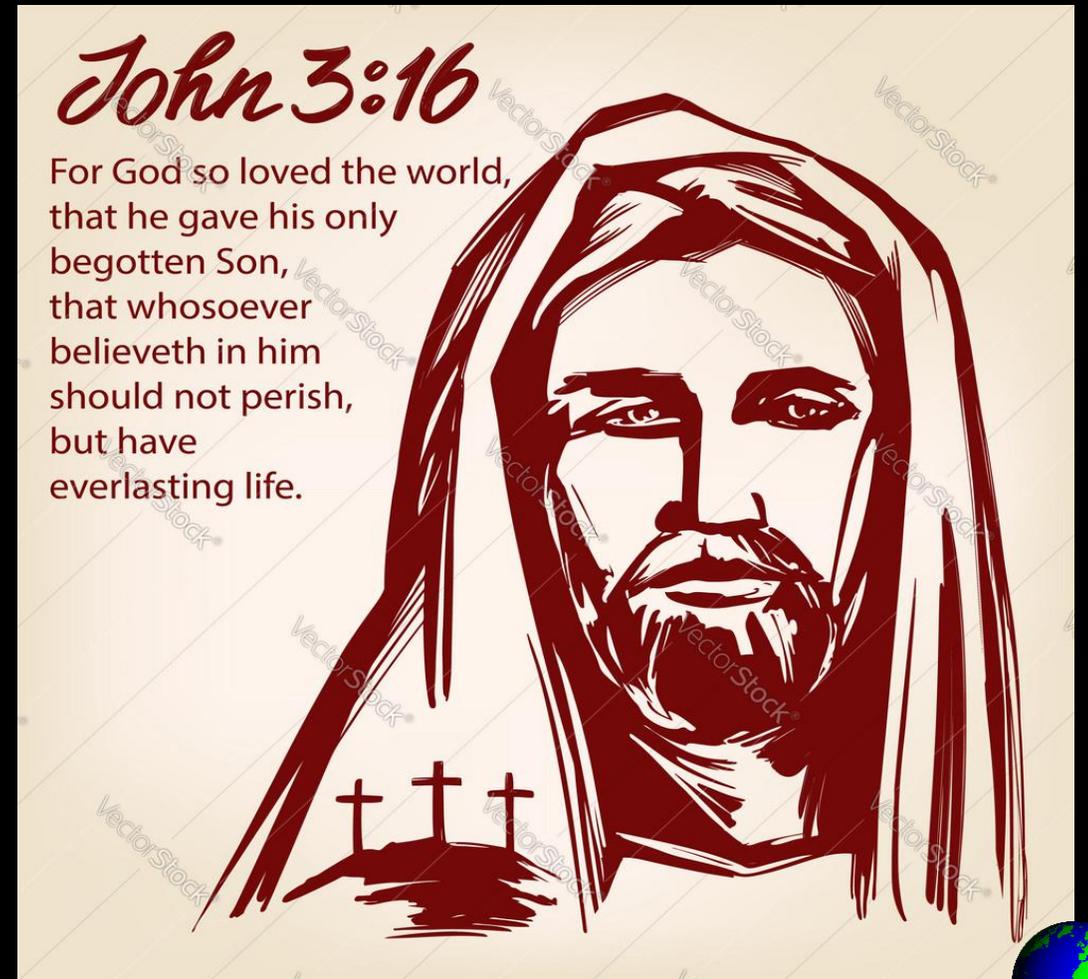


REVELATION 21:

21 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. 22 AND I JOHN SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN FROM GOD OUT OF HEAVEN, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND.

Finally the question – The Only Way to Get to Heaven **God's plan of rescue for humanity**

To sin means to fall short of God's holy standards. Sin is what ended paradise in the Garden of Eden. And all of us, like Adam and Eve, are sinners. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Rom. 3:23](#)). Sin separates us from a relationship with God ([Isaiah 59:2](#)) and it deceives us and makes us think that wrong is right and right is wrong ([Prov. 14:12](#)). Sin has terrible consequences, but God has provided a solution: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Rom. 6:23](#)).



JESUS IN THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN! **Need to follow Him as to where he is in Heaven**

There are thousands of ways to Jesus, but only one way to heaven!

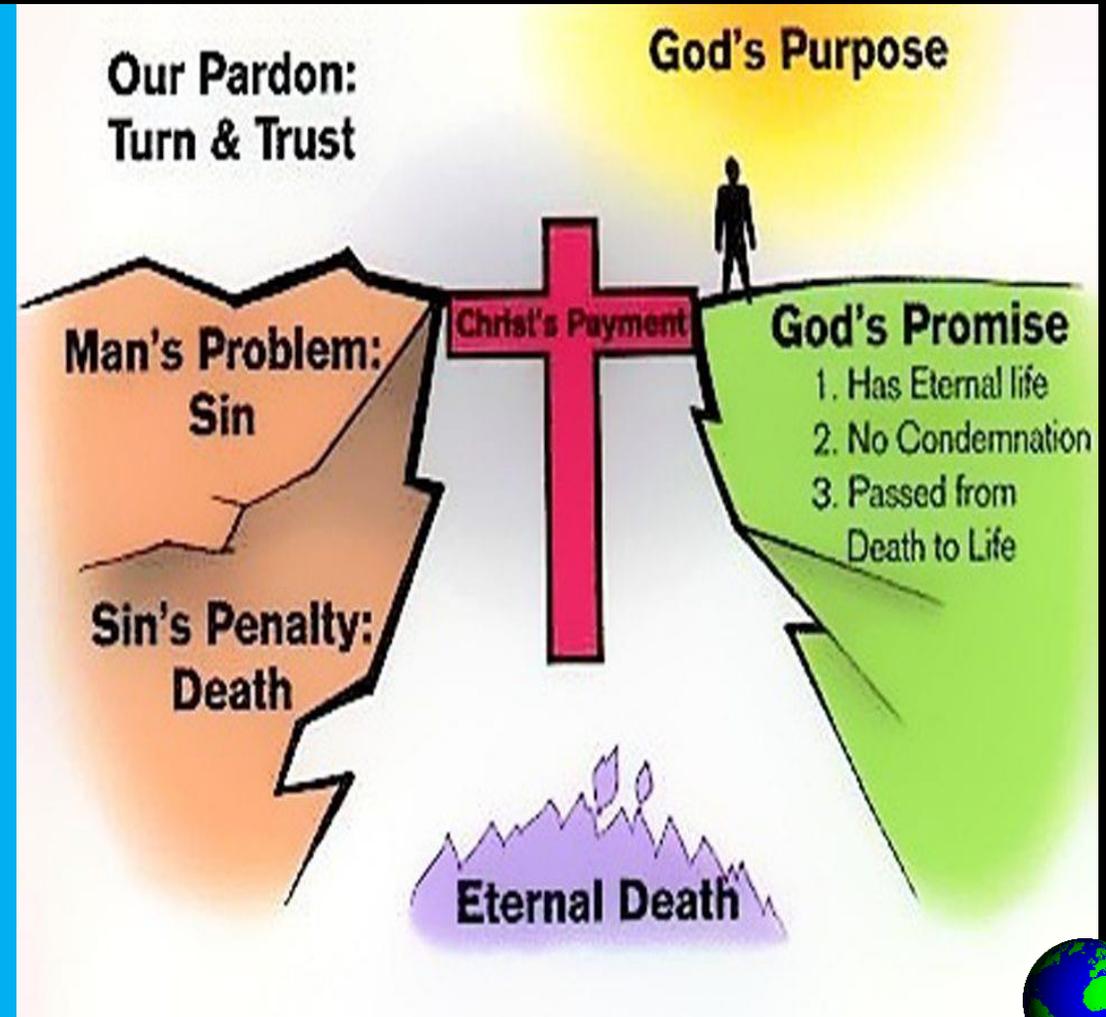
Walking with Jesus in the Sanctuary

	Court		Holy Place			Most Holy Place
						
	Altar of Sacrifice	Laver	Table of Shewbread	Candlesticks	Altar of Incense	Ark
Christ	Messiah			Priest		Judge
	<i>Cross</i> John 1:29	<i>Cleansing</i> Eph 5:26; 1 John 1:9	<i>The Truth</i> John 6:35	<i>The Way</i> John 8:12; Ps 119:105	<i>The Life</i> Heb 7:25; Rom 5:10	<i>Judge</i> Mal 3:5
Us	Courtship			Engagement		Marriage
	Repent John 3:16; Acts 2:37,38	Baptism John 3:5	Bible Study John 5:39	Witnessing Matt 5:14	Prayer 1 Thess 5:17	Victory John 15:5



Why is Jesus taking so long to come back, to take humanity to heaven?

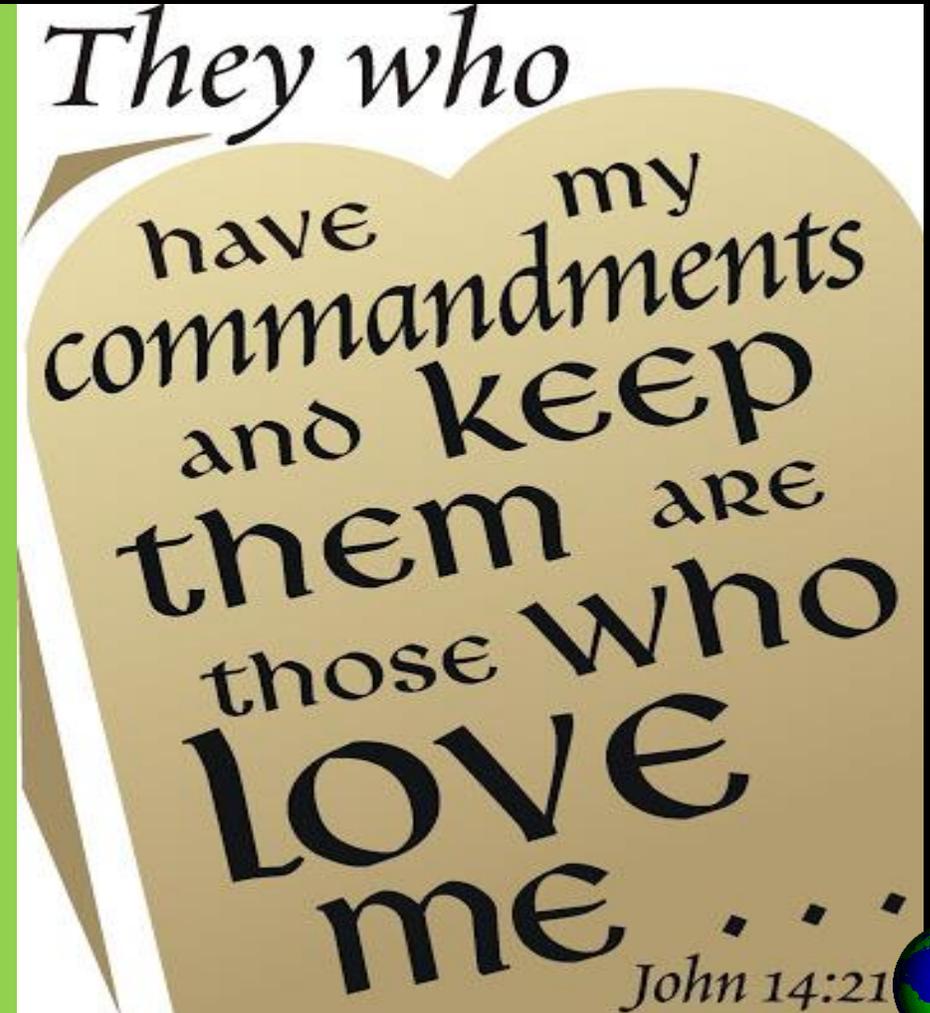
Jesus is patiently waiting to come back, because He is giving humanity as much time as possible to choose and follow Him. Jesus wants as many people as possible to repent and return to heaven with Him. 2 Peter 3:8-9 says, “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”



What did Jesus mean when He said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments'?

Jesus says the phrase, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments," in [John 14:15](#). This chapter recounts the Last Supper before Jesus' crucifixion. Before this, Jesus had predicted that one of His disciples would betray Him, at which point Judas left. Jesus' statement, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" falls in the midst of a teaching that Jesus was giving to the remaining disciples over their meal together. Keeping the commandments of Jesus is a sign of our love and belonging to Him. It's also a test, and as we continue to obey even in the face of difficulty, it builds our strength and our faith.

They who
have my
commandments
and **KEEP**
them are
those who
LOVE
me . . .
John 14:21



So, does God require obedience just for the sake of being in charge, or is there a deeper purpose?

The apostle John frequently mentions the correlation between love and obedience as they relate to our relationship with God and others. [1 John 5:2–3](#) says: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." As children of God, we are to obey Him—just as children obey their earthy father—this paves the way for us to love God, love others, and to experience the love of God toward us. Jesus says: "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" ([John 14:21](#)). The words Jesus speaks are the words of the Father (14:23–24).



Obedience to God's commandments is not just about love; it is also about freedom

Our freedom! Jesus said to the Jews: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. . . Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" ([John 8:31–36](#)). Christ is the one who paid for our freedom and as we continue to surrender our lives to Him and obey His commands, naturally, we also continue to walk in His freedom.

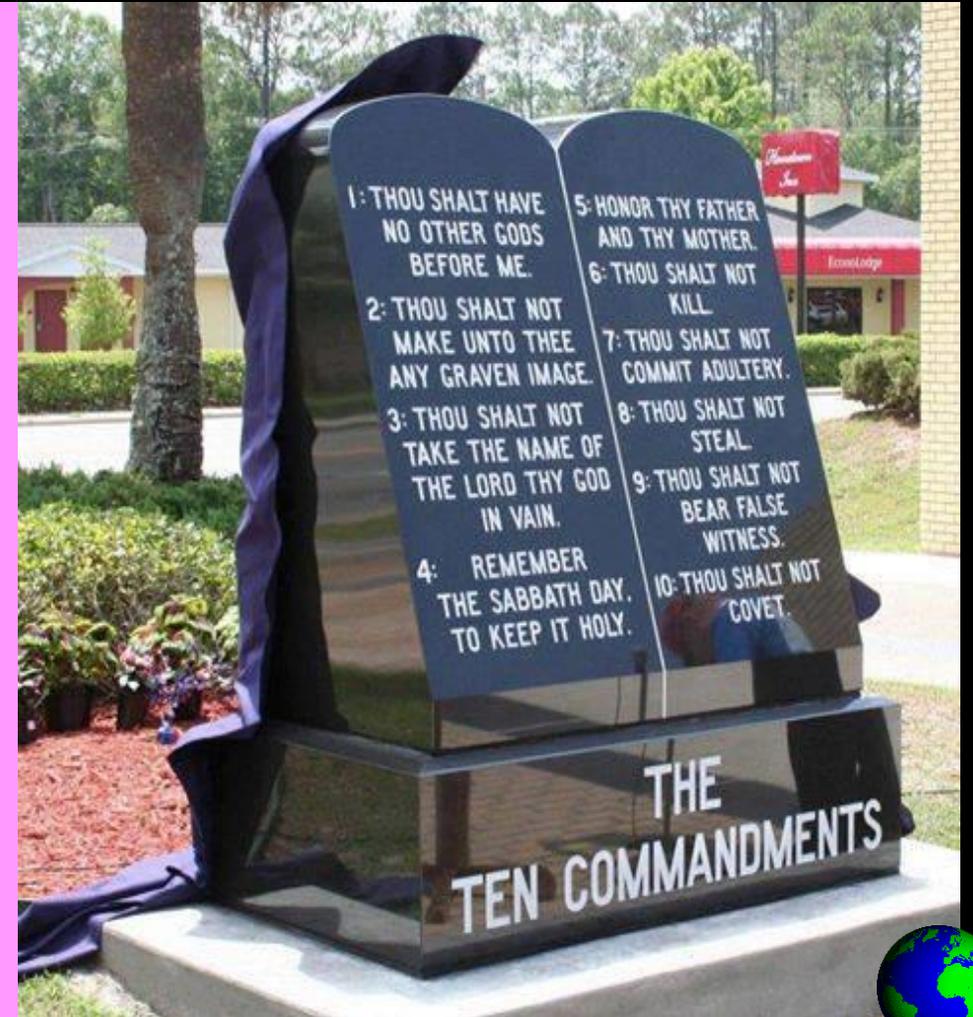
**If you keep
My commandments,
you will abide in My love just as I have
kept My Father's
commandments and
abide in His love**

John 15:10



We cannot simply say that we love God and will keep His commandments and expect to be able do so on our own.

The good news is we don't have to. God has provided us with a Helper. When we look further down in [John 14](#), we see that Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you" (verses 16–17). The Holy Spirit empowers us to keep God's commands, just as Jesus instructed. Through the indwelling presence of the Spirit, we are able to obey God, walk in true freedom, and love God and others.



Why does obedience to God matter?

The fifth commandment teaches us to honor our earthly father and mother ([Exodus 20:12](#)), and that command is repeated in [Ephesians 6:1](#), with the added instruction to "obey." God is our heavenly Father, and we should honor and obey Him, as we should our earthly father. Obedience to God proves our relationship with Him ([1 John 5:2–3](#)), and we demonstrate our love and faithfulness through obedience, too ([1 John 2:3–6](#)). Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" ([John 15:10–11](#)). Obedience is a command, and it is linked to love and joy.

Obedience
to God is an
Expression
of our Love
for God.



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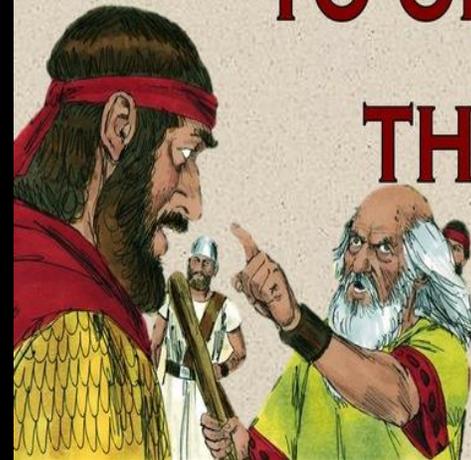
If our faith in God is genuine, we will live a lifestyle characterized by holiness, modelling the example set for us by Jesus Christ. Faith and obedience go hand in hand. We obey His commands, not because we *have* to, but because we love Him and we *want* to. We are able to obey because, once we believe in Christ and are saved, we are remade. We are not the same people we once were. Paul wrote in [2 Corinthians 5:17](#), "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Samuel said to Saul...

Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? BEHOLD.....

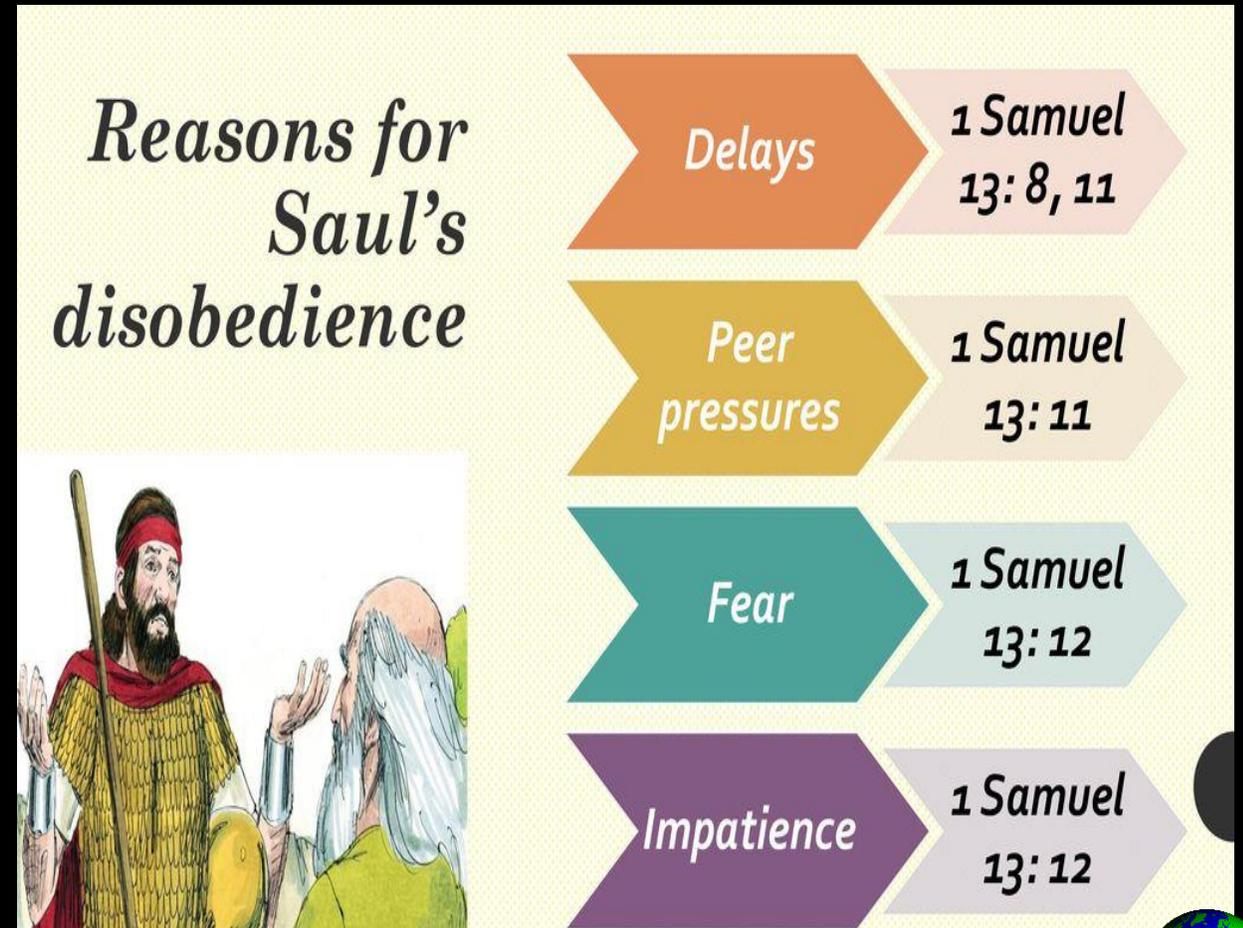
**TO OBEY IS BETTER
THAN SACRIFICE**

1 Samuel 15:22



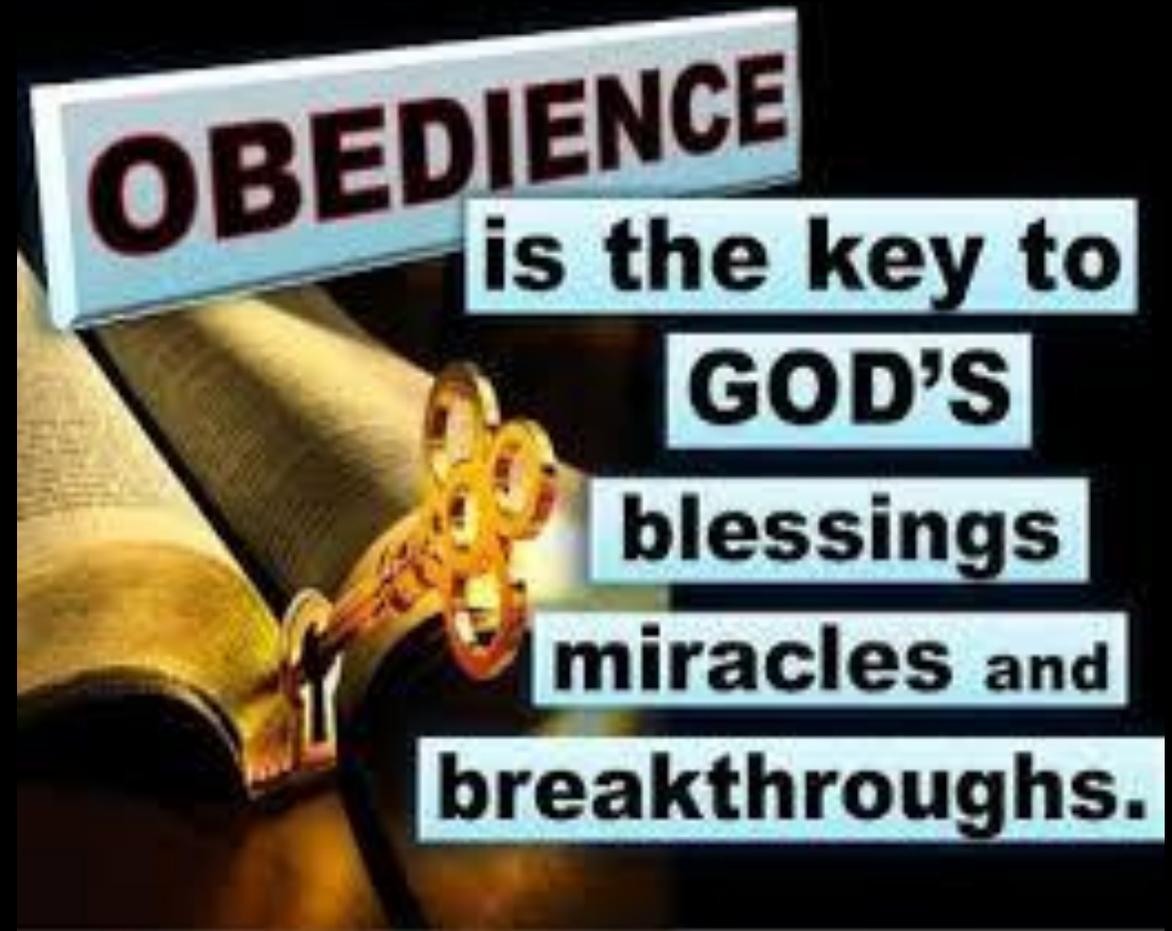
Obedience to God is the key!

Obedience is also important because others are watching how we live, and our testimony should glorify God ([Matthew 5:16](#)). The obedience of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego led to the king of Babylon honoring the Lord ([Daniel 3:28](#)). Paul and Silas's obedience in the jail of Philippi led to the salvation of the jailer ([Acts 16:29–30](#)).



Obedience is better than sacrifice – 1 Samuel 15:22

Obedience enables us to live a life of joy, without shame, rooted deeply in the Lord and confident in our eternal hope. We can be rewarded by God in a myriad of ways. "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart" ([Psalm 119:1–2](#)).



The great news is that God is gracious!

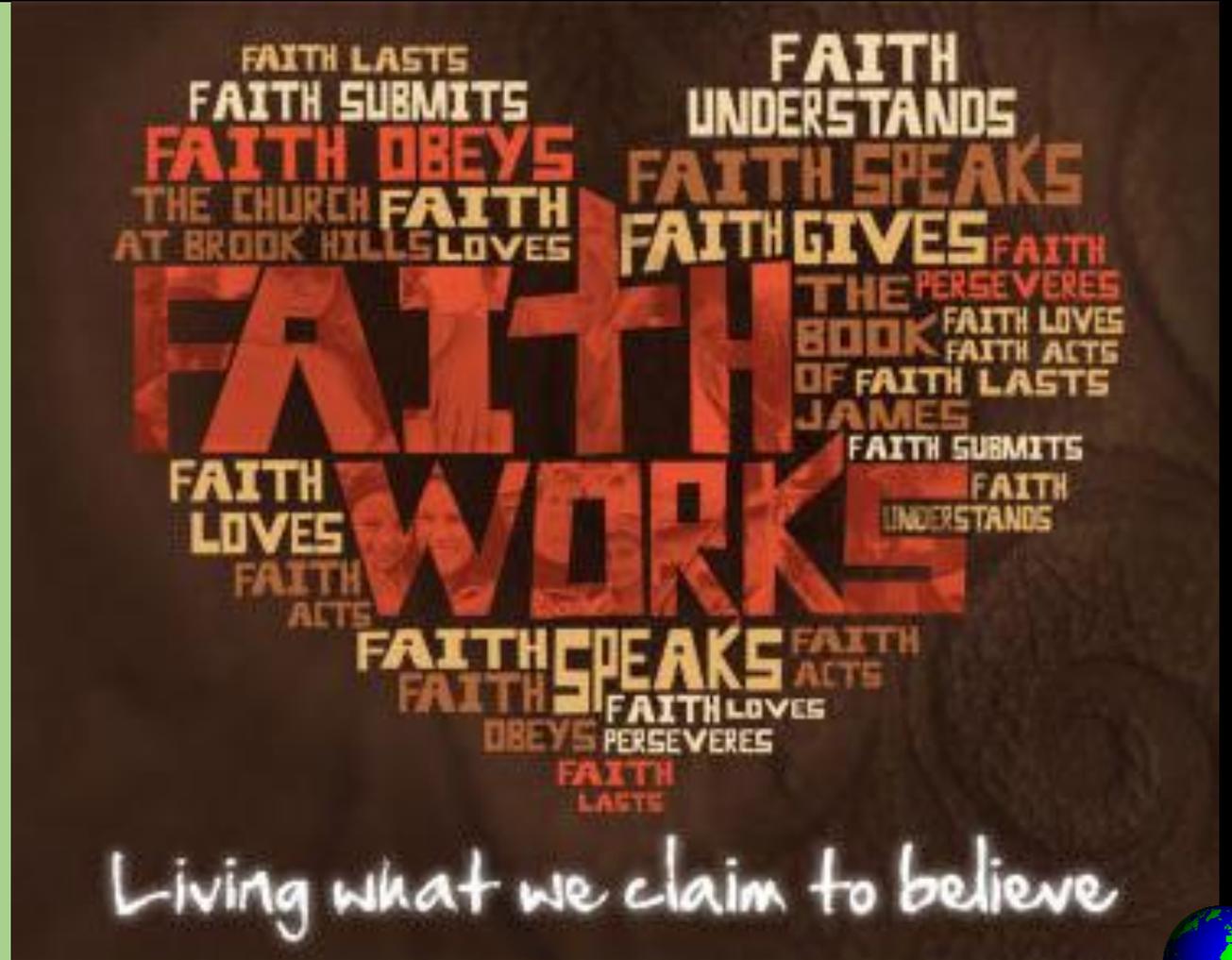
If we haven't been living for Him, if we haven't been following His commandments, if we've been living in and for the world, we can be transformed by the blood of Jesus Christ. We can ask God for forgiveness, and He will give it. And He will choose to forget our sin, just as if we had never committed the sin in the first place. It glorifies Him to do that because it is written, "'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,' then he adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more'" (Hebrews 10:16–17).

TO
LOVE
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Jeremiah 7:21-24



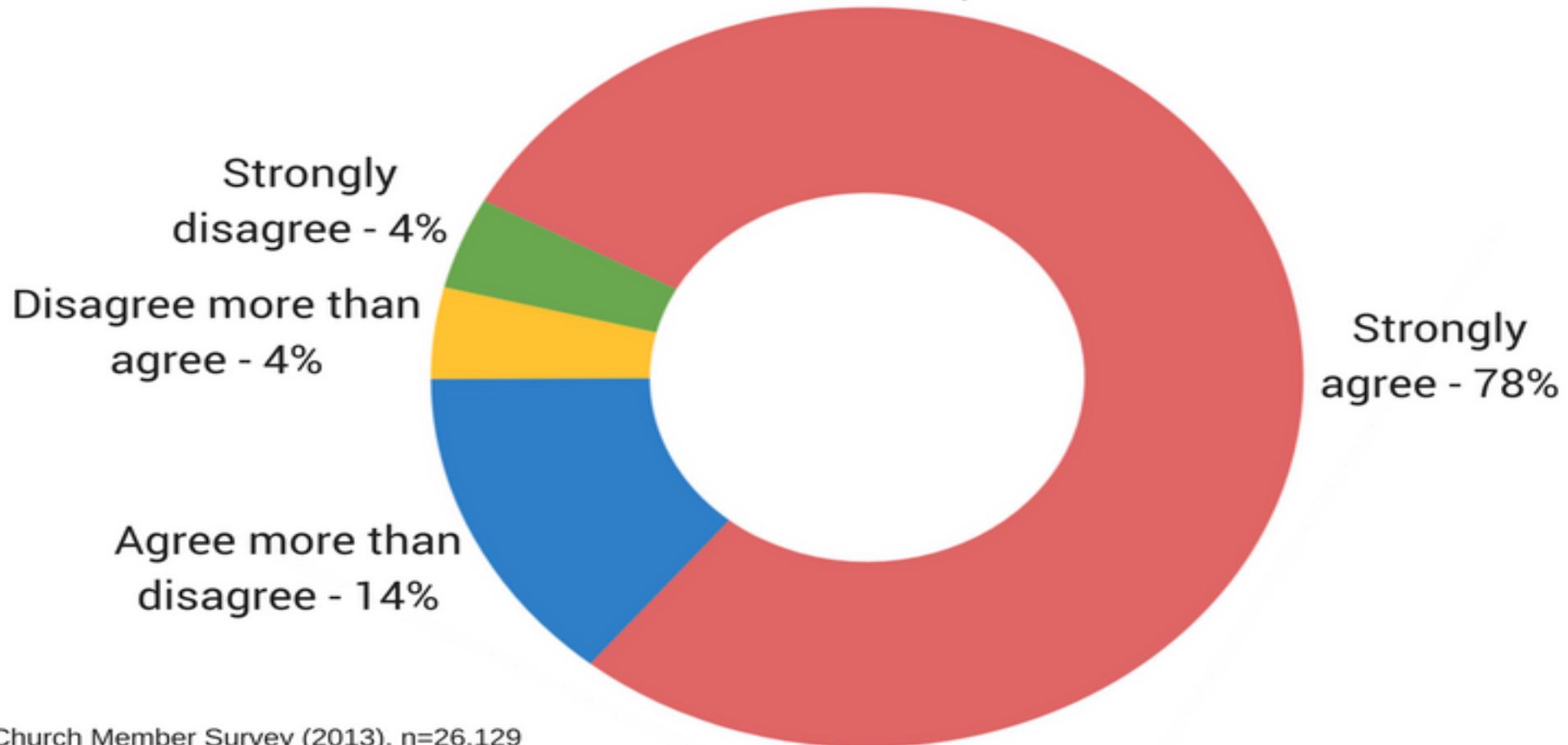
"Is salvation by faith alone, or by faith plus works?"

This is perhaps the most important question in all of Christian theology. This question is the cause of the Reformation, the split between the Protestant churches and Catholic Church. This question is a key difference between biblical Christianity and most of the "Christian" cults. Is salvation by faith alone, or by faith plus works? Am I saved just by believing in Jesus, or do I have to believe in Jesus and do certain things?



In 2013, a survey of church members around the world was conducted

"I am saved the moment I believe and accept what Jesus has done for me."

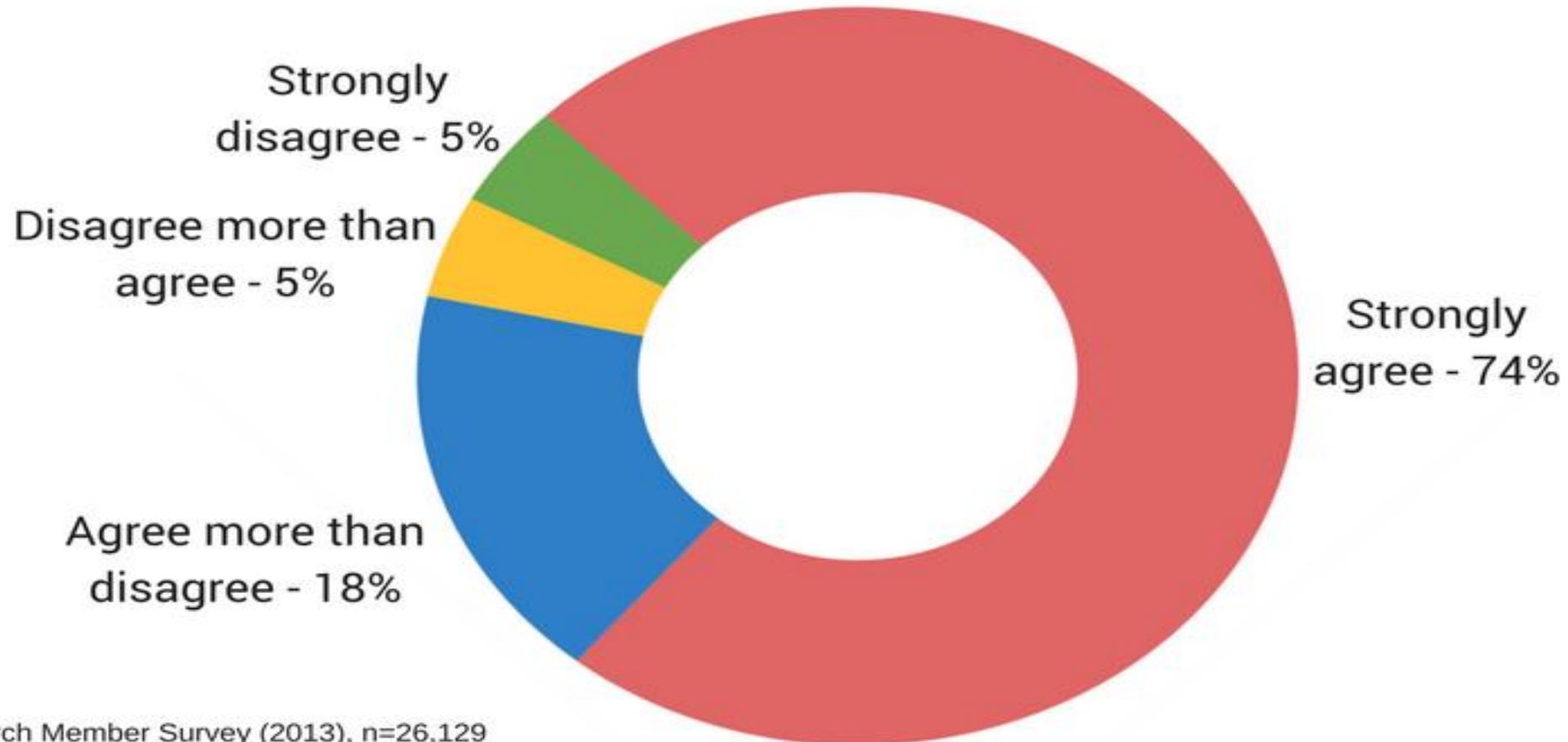


Church Member Survey (2013), n=26,129



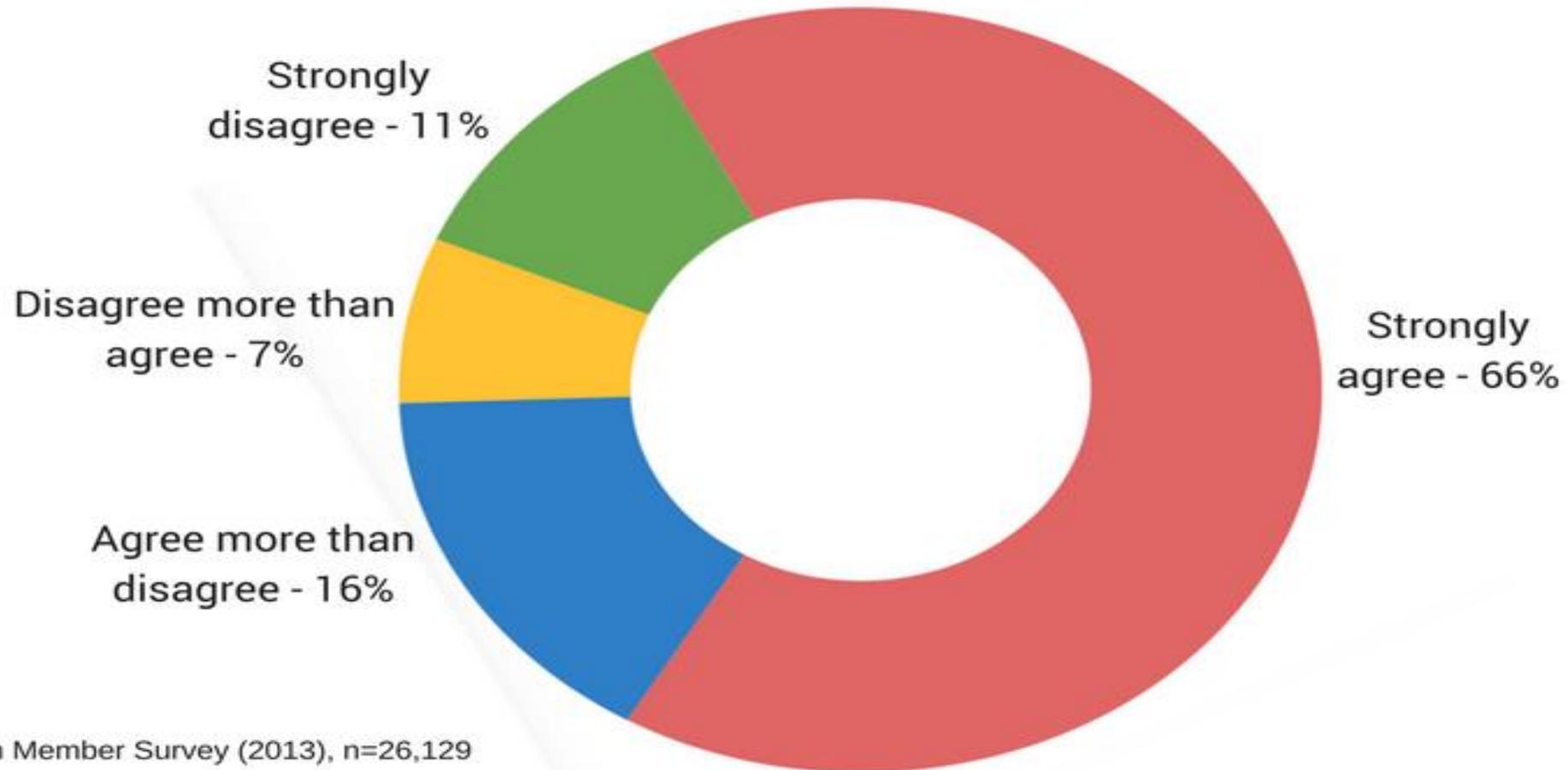
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"Christianity is about Jesus giving me power to conquer sin in my life."



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"A relationship with Jesus is important, but I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law."

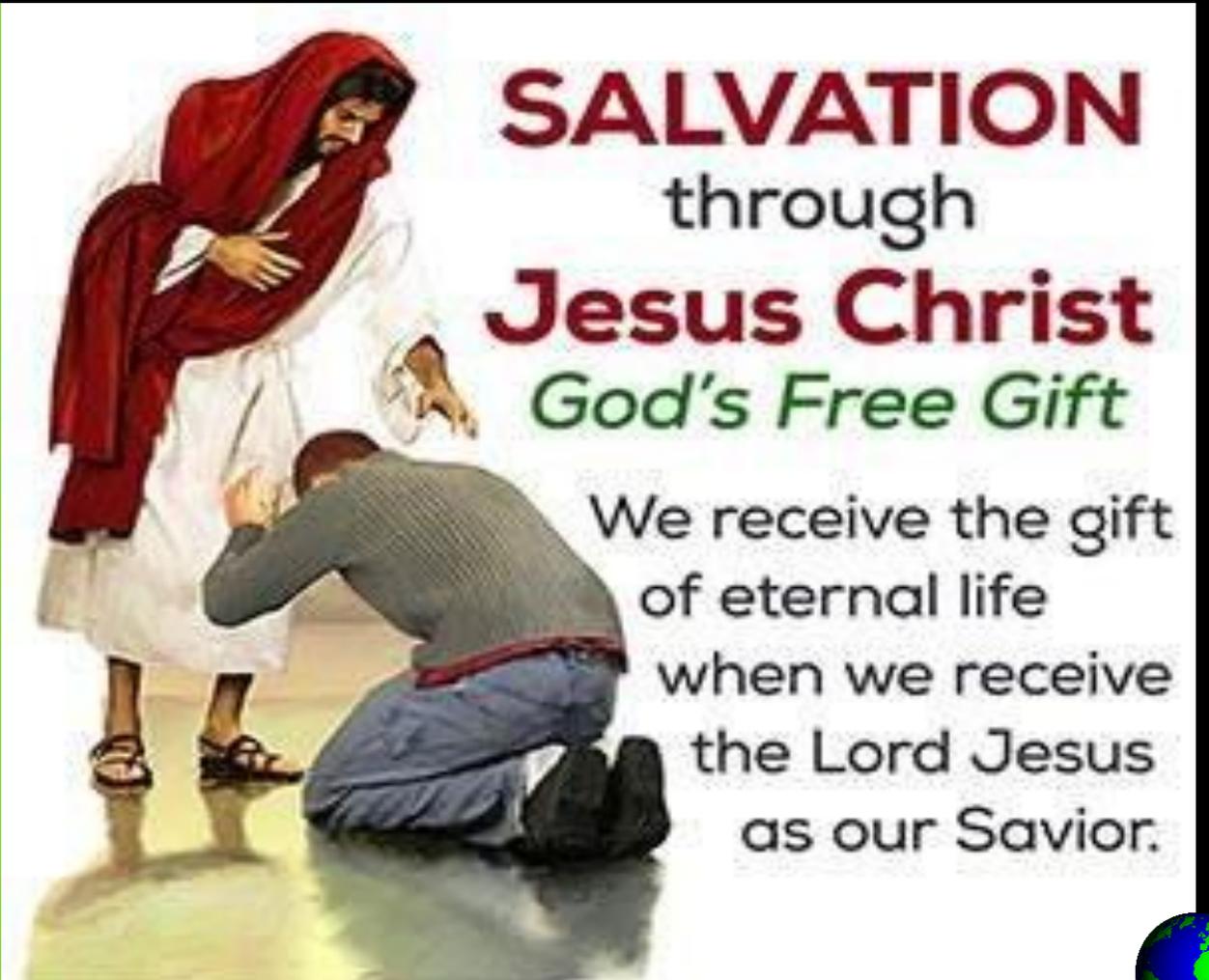


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Salvation is the gift of God and nothing man can do!

It is so easy to slip into the belief that our actions can earn us salvation, or that we can do something more to “deserve” God’s favour. For some, they even find comfort in the thought that they can do something more to gain favour with God – clearly forgetting the condition in which sin has left us! It is vital that we remember – and teach others – that in the end, it is only through the gift of salvation and by the death of Jesus on the cross that we are saved.



The Faith In Jesus that produces the Works of Jesus

This apparent problem is answered by examining what exactly James is talking about. James is refuting the belief that a person can have faith without producing any good works ([James 2:17-18](#)). James is emphasizing the point that genuine faith in Christ will produce a changed life and good works ([James 2:20-26](#)). James is not saying that justification is by faith plus works, but rather that a person who is truly justified by faith will have good works in his/her life. If a person claims to be a believer, but has no good works in his/her life, then he/she likely does not have genuine faith in Christ ([James 2:14](#), [17](#), [20](#), [26](#)).



What is Sin? It's Origin & Meaning in the Bible

You have most likely heard or seen the word "sin" yet there are probably elements of this concept that would still surprise you. For instance, sin was a term used in archery meaning "to miss the mark." Greek, "sin" is a failure in missing the mark. Hebrew *hata* "sin" originates in archery and literally refers to missing the "gold" at the centre of a target.

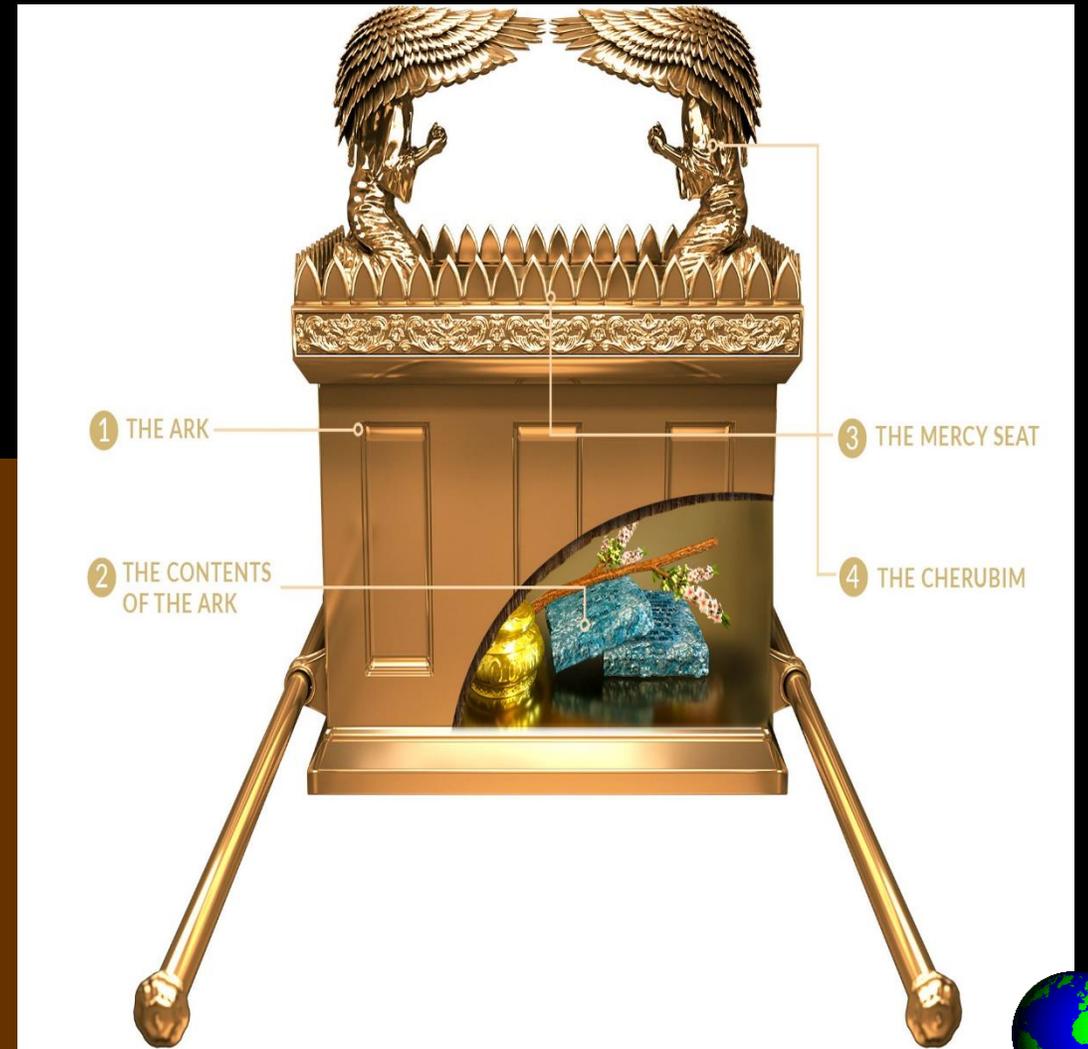
The Christian definition of sin is purposely disobeying the rules of God ([1 John 3:4](#)). God commands us to follow the moral law and has given every human a conscience for intuitively knowing right from wrong.



Where did sin originate? - Heavenly Origin of Sin

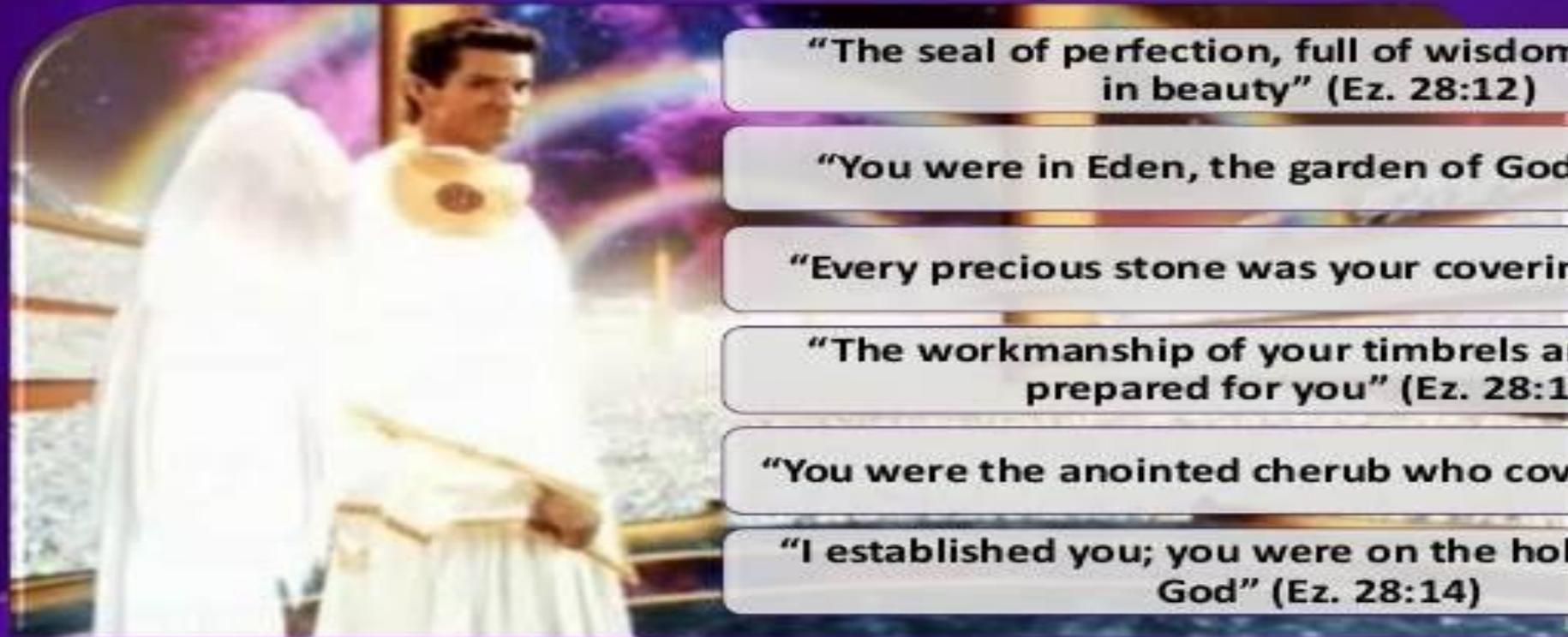
The sin that corrupted Lucifer was self-generated [pride](#). This represents the actual beginning of sin in the universe—preceding the fall of the human Adam by an indeterminate time. Sin originated in the free will of Lucifer in which—with the full understanding of the issues involved—he chose to disobey the law of the Creator God.

This powerful angel was properly judged by God: “I threw you to the earth” ([Ezekiel 28:18](#)). This doesn’t mean that Satan had no further access to heaven, for other Scripture verses clearly indicate that Satan maintained this access even after his fall ([Job 1:6-12](#); [Zechariah 3:1,2](#)). However, [Ezekiel 28:18](#) indicates that Satan was absolutely and completely cast out of God’s heavenly government and his place of authority ([Luke 10:18](#)).



LUCIFER'S REBELLION

Ezekiel 18:12-17 and Isaiah 14:12-15 detail Lucifer's rebellion in Heaven.



"The seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty" (Ez. 28:12)

"You were in Eden, the garden of God" (Ez. 28:13)

"Every precious stone was your covering" (Ez. 28:13)

"The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you" (Ez. 28:13)

"You were the anointed cherub who covers" (Ez. 28:14)

"I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God" (Ez. 28:14)

God created Lucifer as a perfect being, extremely beautiful and an expert in music. He was given a special mission in the Heavenly Sanctuary as the cherub who covers at the Throne; he conducted the heavenly praises.



What Is Original Sin? - Earthly Origin of Sin

In the beginning, mankind lived in the Garden of Eden, fellowshiping with God. But when Adam sinned ([Genesis 3](#)) this not only separated him and God, it also caused all of his offspring to have a sinful nature.

[Original sin](#) is a Christian view of the nature of sin in which mankind lives since the fall of man. Beginning with Adam and Eve's disobedience in Eden, the sin of indulgence was eating the forbidden fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



Is There An Unforgivable Sin?

Jesus said, there is one sin a person can do for which there is no forgiveness or pardon: blaspheming against the [Holy Spirit](#). But what does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?”

Jesus addressed the topic in [Mark 3:20-30](#), a passage that ends with these words: “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation” ([Mark 3:28-29](#)).



Sins Against the Holy Spirit Defined

- ✘ **BLASPHEME THE HOLY SPIRIT** - To attribute to the devil the power and glory that belongs to the Holy Spirit.
 - Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:30
- ✘ **GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT** - To cause pain, grief, or distress. To act contrary to His will.
 - Ephesians 4:30
- ✘ **LIE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** - To be willfully dishonest.
 - Acts 5:1-11
- ✘ **RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT** - To fall or rush against. To willfully apply active resistance.
 - Acts 7:51-54
- ✘ **DEFILE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** - Signifies to destroy by means of corrupting, and so bringing into a worse state.
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
- ✘ **QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT** - To put out, extinguish, as one might put out a flame by pouring water on it. Turning the power of the Holy Spirit out of one's life.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:14-19
- ✘ **DESPISE THE HOLY SPIRIT** - To treat with haughtiness and contempt.
 - Hebrews 10:26-29



Steps in the Banishment of Sin

The "Daily" Service

(Sinner Forgiven)



The Yearly Service

(Sanctuary Cleansed)



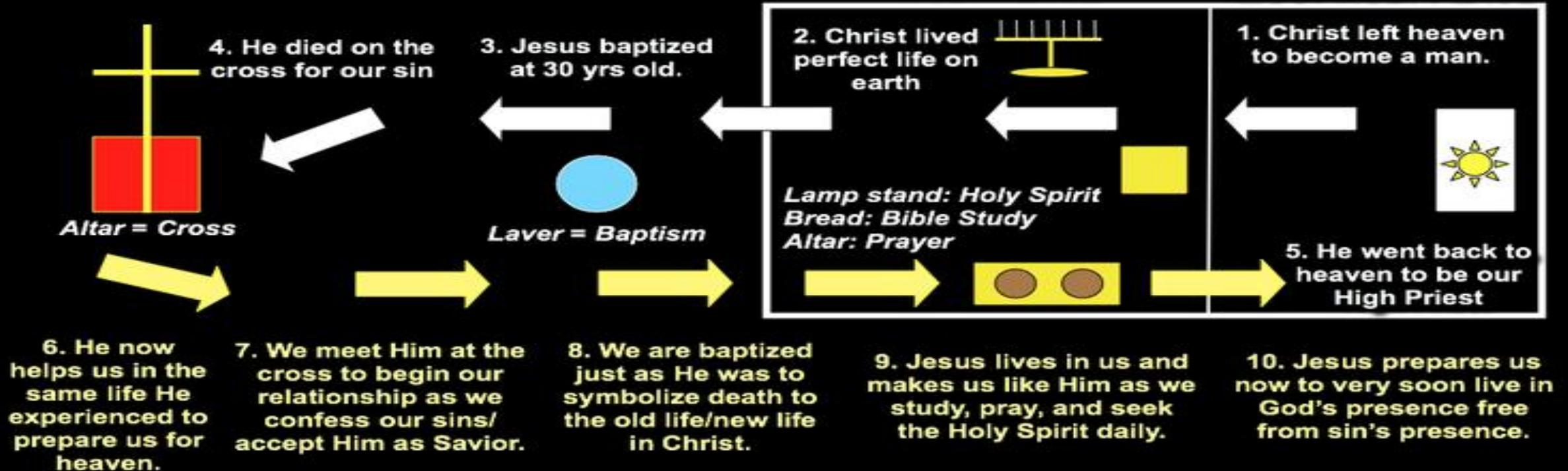
The Plan of Salvation in the Sanctuary

"Thy way, Oh God is in the Sanctuary."

COURTYARD

HOLY PLACE

MOST HOLY PLACE



COURTYARD:

- What Christ did FOR us
- Represents Cross & Baptism
- Justification
- Freedom from sin's PENALTY

HOLY PLACE:

- What Christ does IN us
- Represents Christian life
- Sanctification
- Freedom from sin's POWER

MOST HOLY PLACE:

- Where Christ will TAKE us
- Into God's Presence (Heaven)
- Glorification
- Freedom from sin's PRESENCE



Progress of the Christian life



- 0 Beginning of Christian life
- 1 Repentance, confession, Jesus accepted as sacrifice (altar of burnt offering).
- 2 Baptism (laver of bronze).
- 3 Jesus, living bread, feeds us (table of showbread).
- 4 Jesus, light of the world, enlightens us (candlestick).

The furnishings of the sanctuary show the stages of the Christian life!

- 5 The Spirit with us, our prayers ascend before God (altar of incense).
- 6 The law shows God's will (ark of the covenant containing the law).
- 7 The mercy of God forgives our transgressions of the law (mercy seat).



The sanctuary's services illustrate the stages of Jesus' ministry:

Most Holy Place

Holy Place

Courtyard



1

In the courtyard

Jesus performs a work of **SACRIFICE**, giving us **JUSTIFICATION**.

2

In the Holy Place

Jesus performs a work of **INTERCESSION**, giving us **SANCTIFICATION**.

3

In the Most Holy Place

Jesus performs a work of **JUDGMENT**, giving us **GLORIFICATION**.

Progress of the ministry of Jesus

The Christian's spiritual progress



The foundation of the Mercy Seat – Throne of God

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. – Hebrews 9

The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13



The Sanctuary

The Ark of the Covenant.

- This piece of furniture was made of two pieces. The Ark, which is the box, and the Mercy seat, which is the cover. The Mercy seat is where the presence of God dwelt.



Within the Ark were three items:

- ❖ The Ten Commandments,
- ❖ Pot of manna
- ❖ **Aaron's rod.**
- Manna = the Provision of God
- Rod = the Authority of God
- Tables = the Demands of God



***Manna – God’s provision has to be restored!
A perfected people before we can stand before God.***

Those who have received instruction regarding the evils of the use of flesh foods, tea and coffee, and rich and unhealthy food preparations, and who are determined to make a covenant with God by sacrifice, will not continue to indulge their appetite for food that they know to be unhealthy. God demands that the appetites be cleansed, and that self-denial be practiced in regard to those things which are not good. This is a work that will have to be done before His people can stand before Him a perfected people. {9T 153.4}

Ephesians 5:27. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



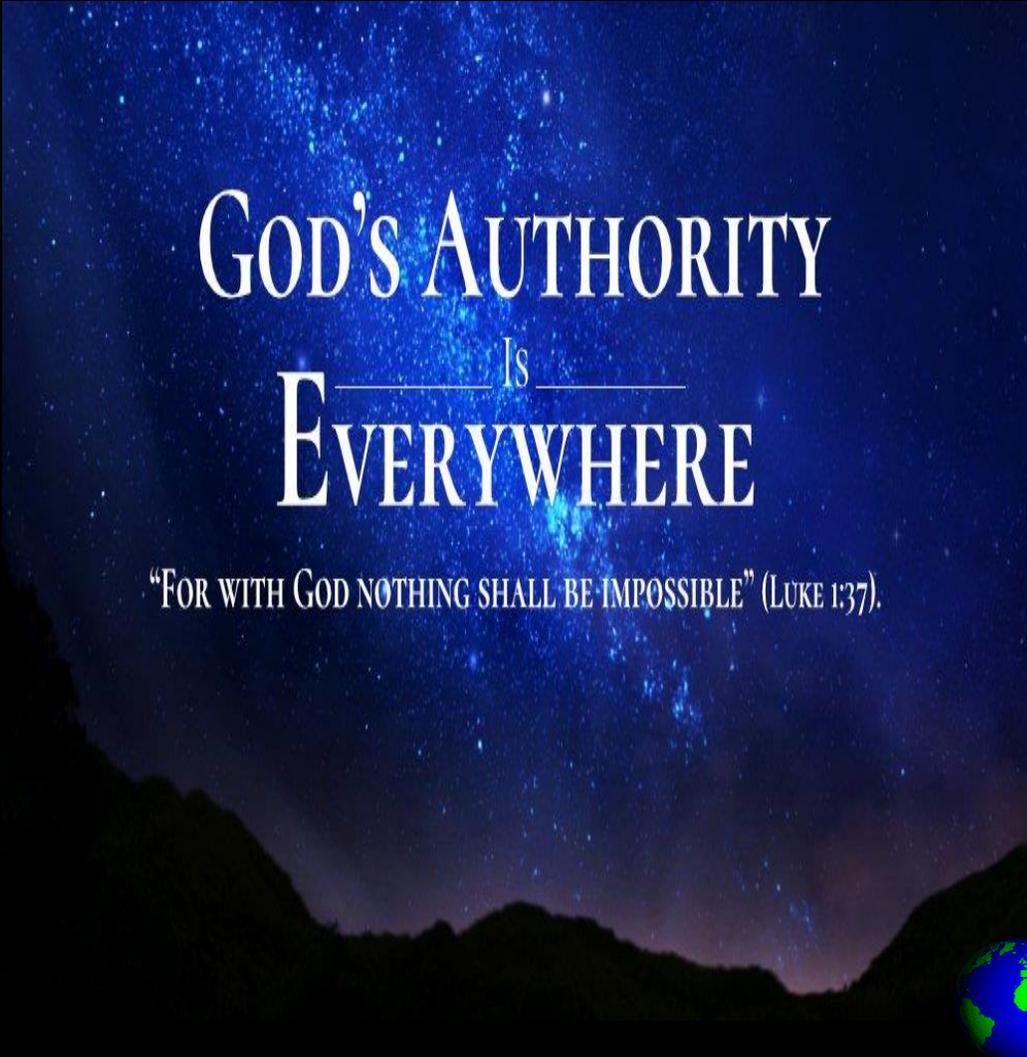
Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light {TM 507.1}



Aaron's Rod – God's authority need to be restored! ***As the Creator, God has authority over man & all creation.***

The serpent questioned God's authority back in the Garden of Eden, and deceived Eve ([Genesis 3:1–6](#)). Then Adam ate the fruit ([Genesis 3:6](#)), despite what God had told him ([Genesis 2:17](#)). Adam ignored God's authority by doing what God told him not to do. Consequently, [sin](#) entered the world, and each of us is born with a rebellious nature.

Because God is our authority in every area, we need to make sure that we know what His Word says, and strive to make it our authority in every area of life. We need to recognize when the beliefs and philosophies of men are contrary to God's Word ([Colossians 2:8](#); [Ephesians 4:14](#)), bring "every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ," ([2 Corinthians 10:5](#)), and respond by "speaking the truth in love" ([Ephesians 4:15](#)) to a world that has tried to deny the authority of the Father.



GOD'S AUTHORITY
Is
EVERYWHERE

"FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE" (LUKE 1:37).

The 10 Commandments – Need to be restored Written with God’s own finger on stone and hearts

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. – Exodus 31

Who lied to you about the laws?

But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, ***I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.***

Jeremiah 31:33

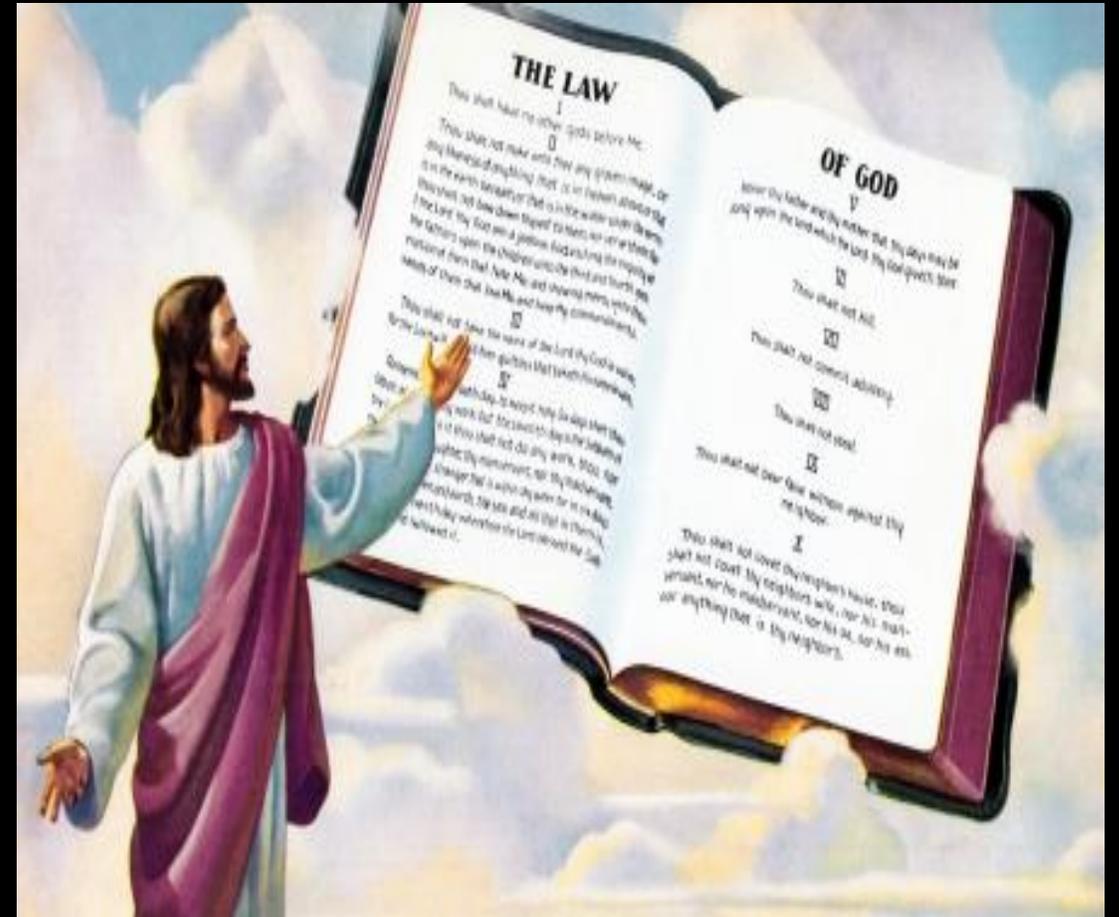
This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. ***I will put My laws in their minds, and inscribe them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they will be My people.***

Hebrews 8:10



The law of God is eternal

It has no beginning and no ending. It did not begin at Mount Sinai as some of our Christian friends teach. It was in existence before the creation of the world and before the uprising in heaven that caused the expulsion of Satan and his angels. Nothing that has been created, neither angels nor man, can be eternal because all have had a beginning.

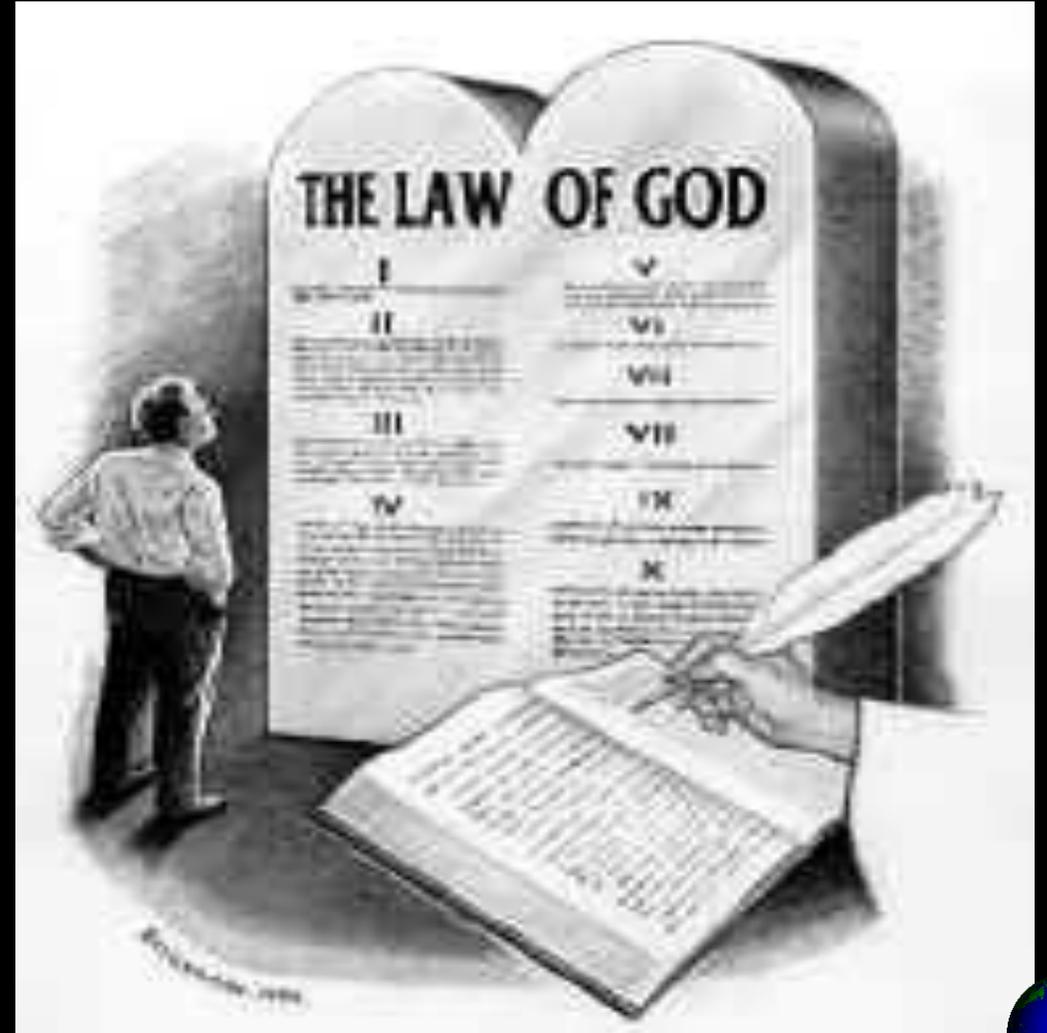


The law of God is immutable

Immutable means something that you cannot change. It is no longer a commonly used word.

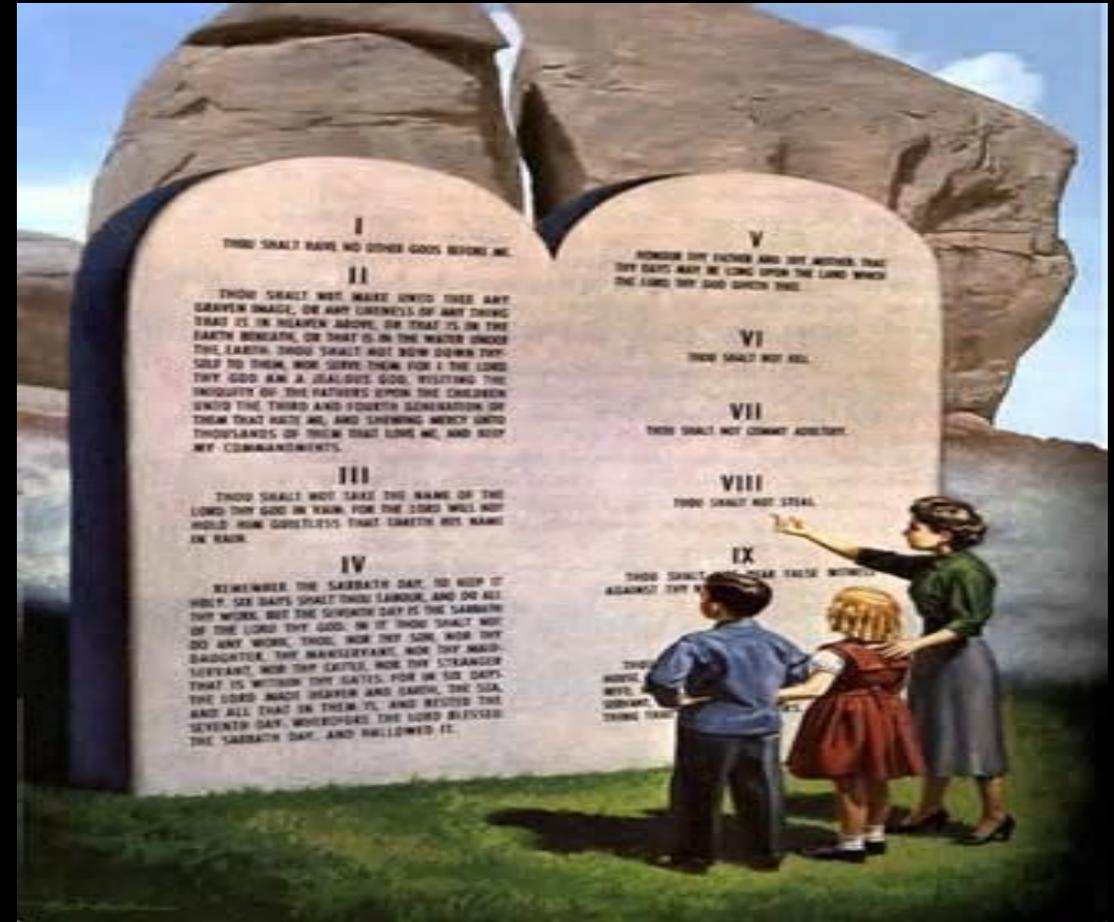
“The law of God stands immutable, eternal as His throne.

“There is no such thing as weakening or strengthening the law of Jehovah. As it has always been, so it is. It cannot be repealed or changed in one principle. It is eternal, immutable as God Himself.” *The Signs of the Times*, March 20, 1901.



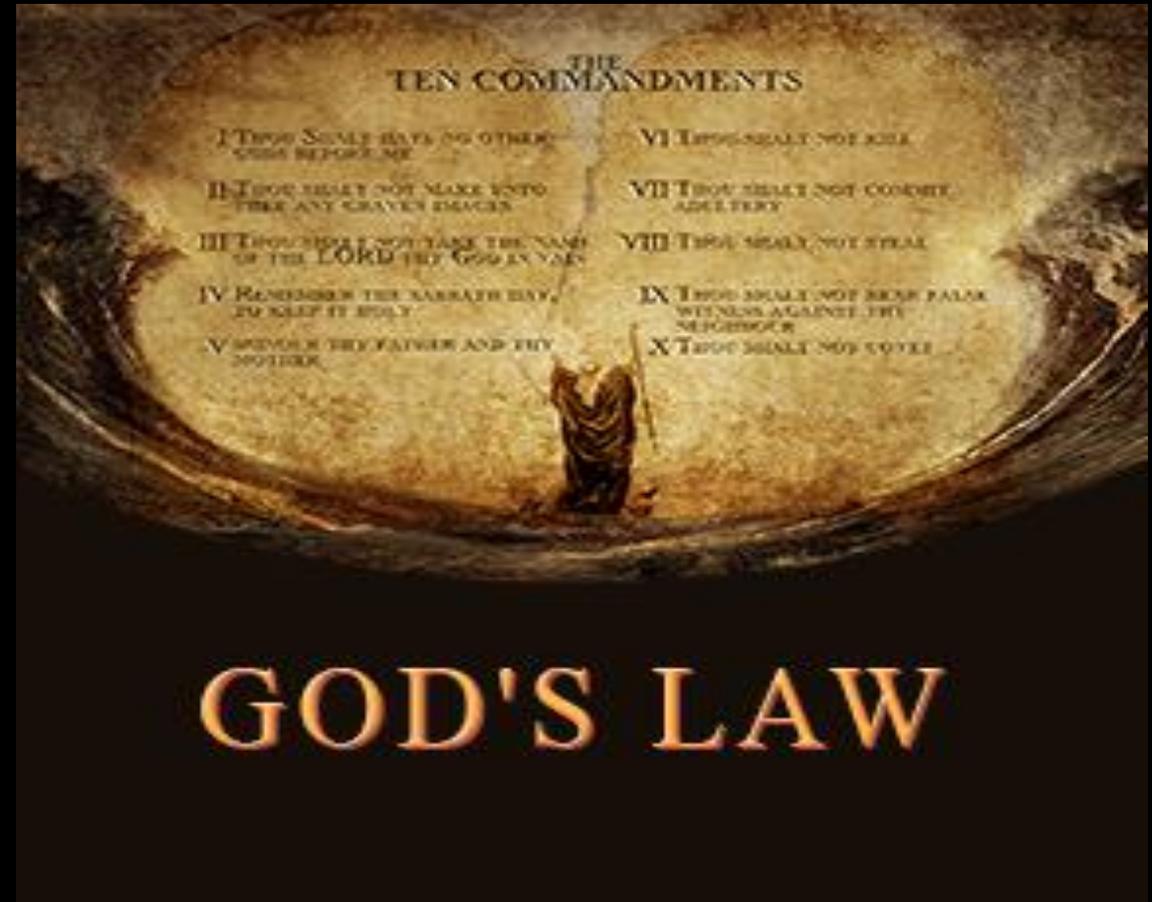
The law of God is imperishable

It can never pass away. “All the opposition cannot, for one moment, drag down that holy law. It is eternal, imperishable as the throne of God.” *The Review and Herald*, May 25, 1876. Any attempt to destroy the law is an attempt to destroy the throne of God.



God's law is irrevocable

When a person makes out a revocable trust, he can change it anytime before he dies. An irrevocable trust means it cannot be changed and there are strict state laws governing it.

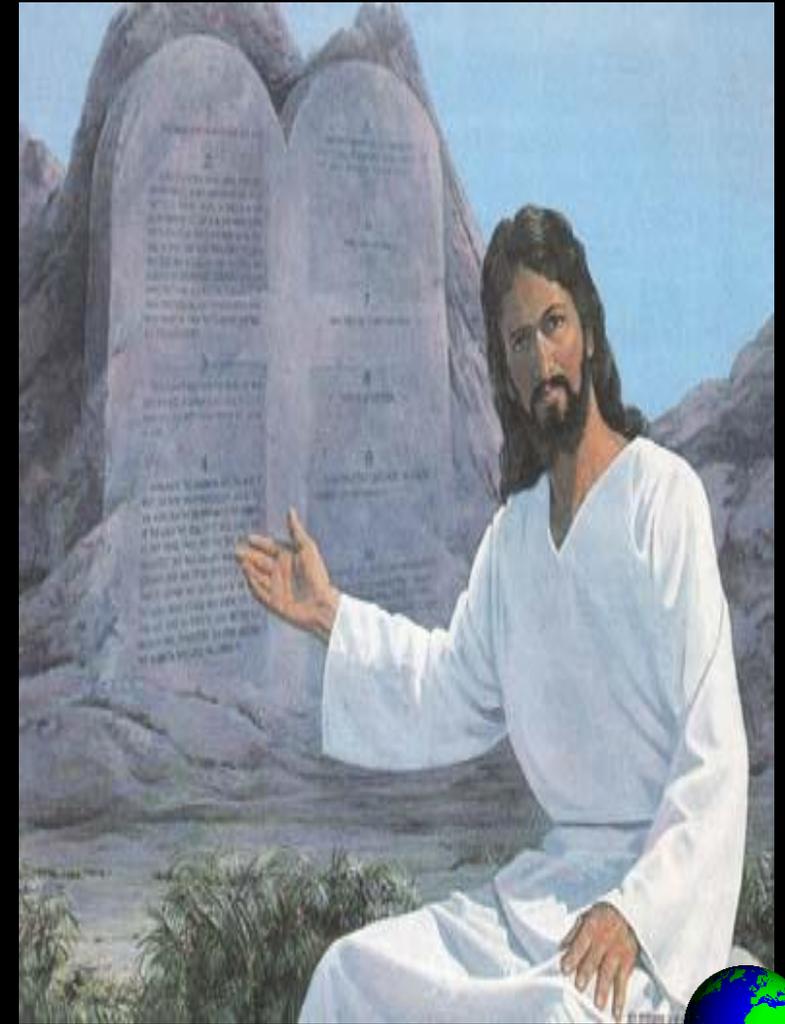


God's law is indestructible

No matter what you do, you can't destroy it. "The law of God maintains its binding claims, notwithstanding the fact that men claim to have refuted every argument in its favor. The truth still lives; the light still shines; it cannot be put out. In the Dark Ages the Bible was set aside; it was burned. Men tried to banish it from the earth; but how signally they failed! The law of God may be ignored, despised, rejected, trampled upon, but it is still the great standard of righteousness, immutable and indestructible. It is eternal." *The Review and Herald*, May 28, 1901.

"... these rejecters of truth cannot always remain deaf to the claims of God's law, for it is eternal and irrevocable." *The Review and Herald*, May 18, 1897.

It is the standard of righteousness.



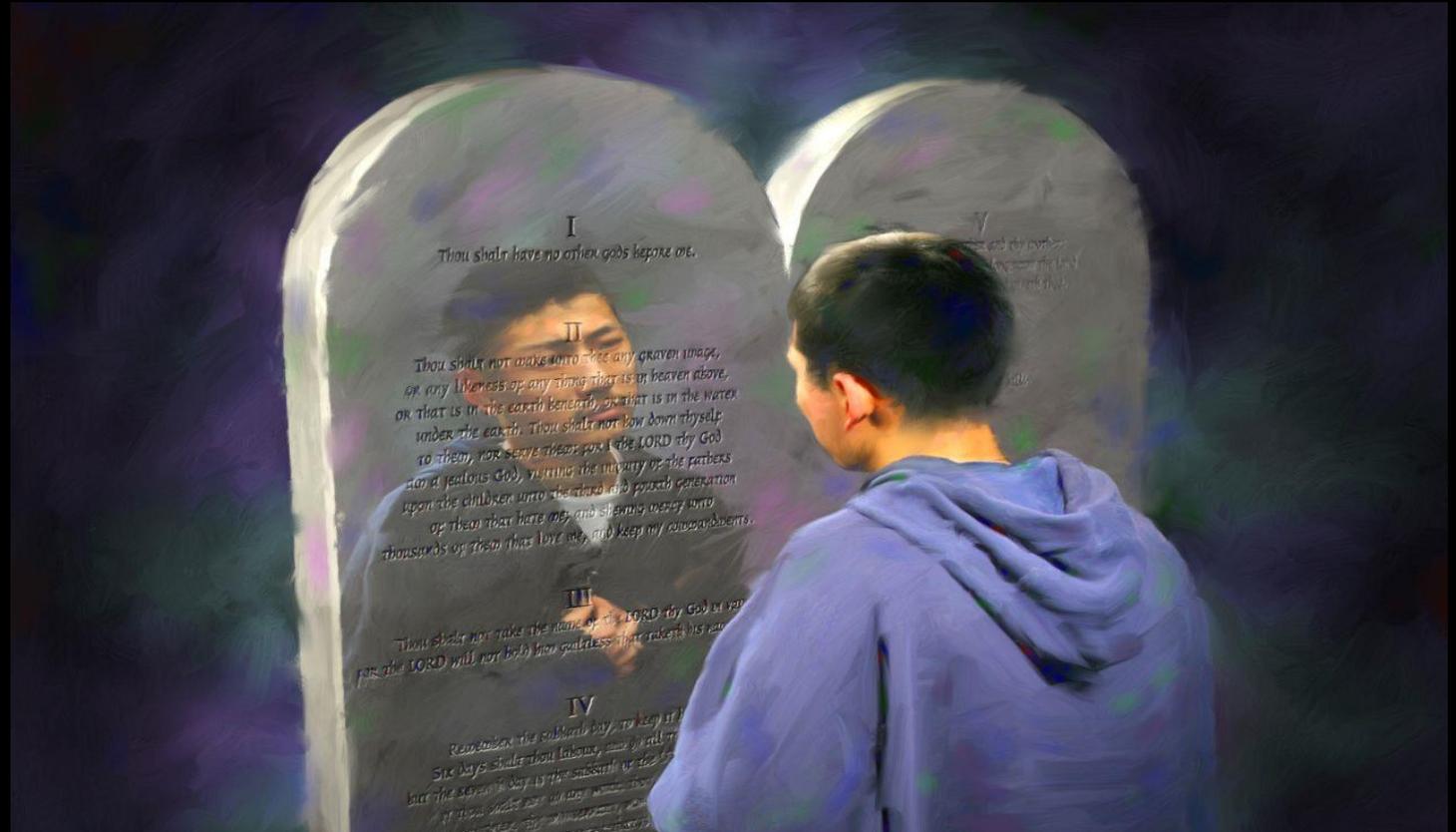
The law of God is complete

“The law of Jehovah was always holy, just, and good, and complete in itself.” *The Signs of the Times*, March 20, 1901.



The law of God is perfect

See Psalm 19.
“The judgments
of the Lord are
true and
righteous
altogether”
(verse 9).



God's law is the standard of righteousness

David said, "All Your commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172). When a person understands the principles and holiness of the law, he will be prepared intellectually to begin to understand something about the atonement sacrifice that was required to save people who had broken that law.



God's law is the foundation of His government

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face” (Psalm 89:14).

TO DESPISE THE
LAW OF GOD
IS TO DESPISE THE
SON OF GOD



Believers today have problem with just one of the 10 commandments – 4th (Sabbath)

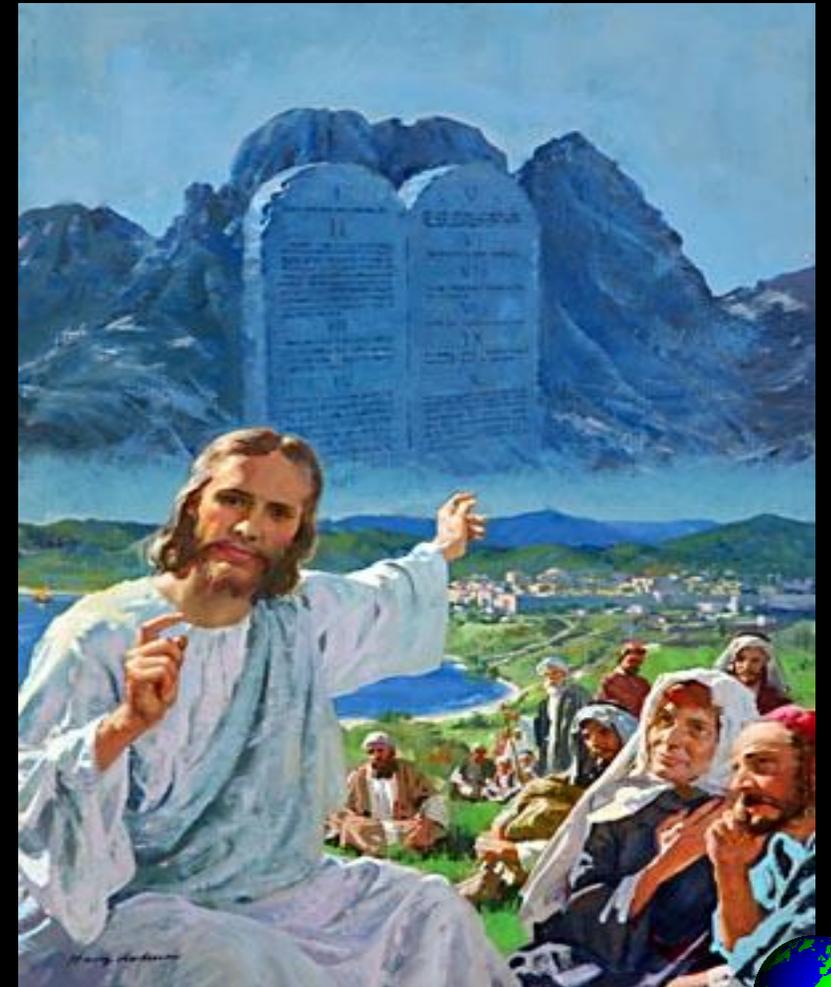


Guilty of One Command of God;
Guilty of All Commands

For whosoever shall keep the
whole law, and yet offend in
one point, he is guilty of all.

James 2:10

The Scripture gives as a law, to love our neighbour as ourselves. This law is a royal law, it comes from the King of kings; and if Christians act unjustly, they are convicted by the law as transgressors. To think that our good deeds will atone for our bad deeds, plainly puts us upon looking for another atonement. According to the covenant of works, one breach of any one command brings a man under condemnation, from which no obedience, past, present, or future, can deliver him.



God's law will be displayed in the heavens at the second coming of Jesus for all to see!

While these words of holy trust ascend to God, the clouds sweep back, and the starry heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on either side. The glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. Says the prophet, "The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself." That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. —*The Great Controversy*, p. 639.



Revelation 4 & 5 Before the Throne of God and the Sealed Book

Christ's
Second
Coming

Close of
Probation



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Holy Place

Most Holy Place

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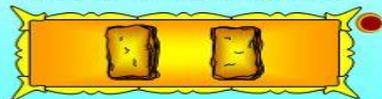
Seven Candlesticks

Who is worthy to
open the book,
and loose the seals?

**Sea of
Glass**

Worthy is the Lamb,
and has redeemed us
to God by thy blood

Shew Bread



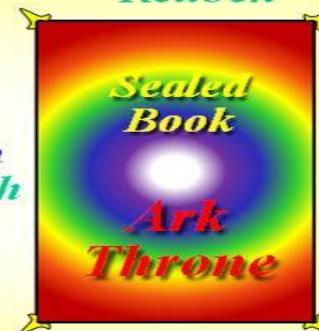
**Altar of
Incense**



24
Elders

**A
Lamb
slain**

**Lion
Judah**



**Man
Reuben**

**Calf
Ephriam**

**Eagle
Dan**

A door was
open in heaven

**Altar of
Sacrifice**



Laver



Gospel to
all the world

Early Rain Experience
1st & 2nd Angel's Messages
Hour of Judgment is come
AND IS

Midnight Cry

Latter Rain Experience
3rd Angel's Message
Investigative Judgment
AND IS TO COME

WHICH WAS



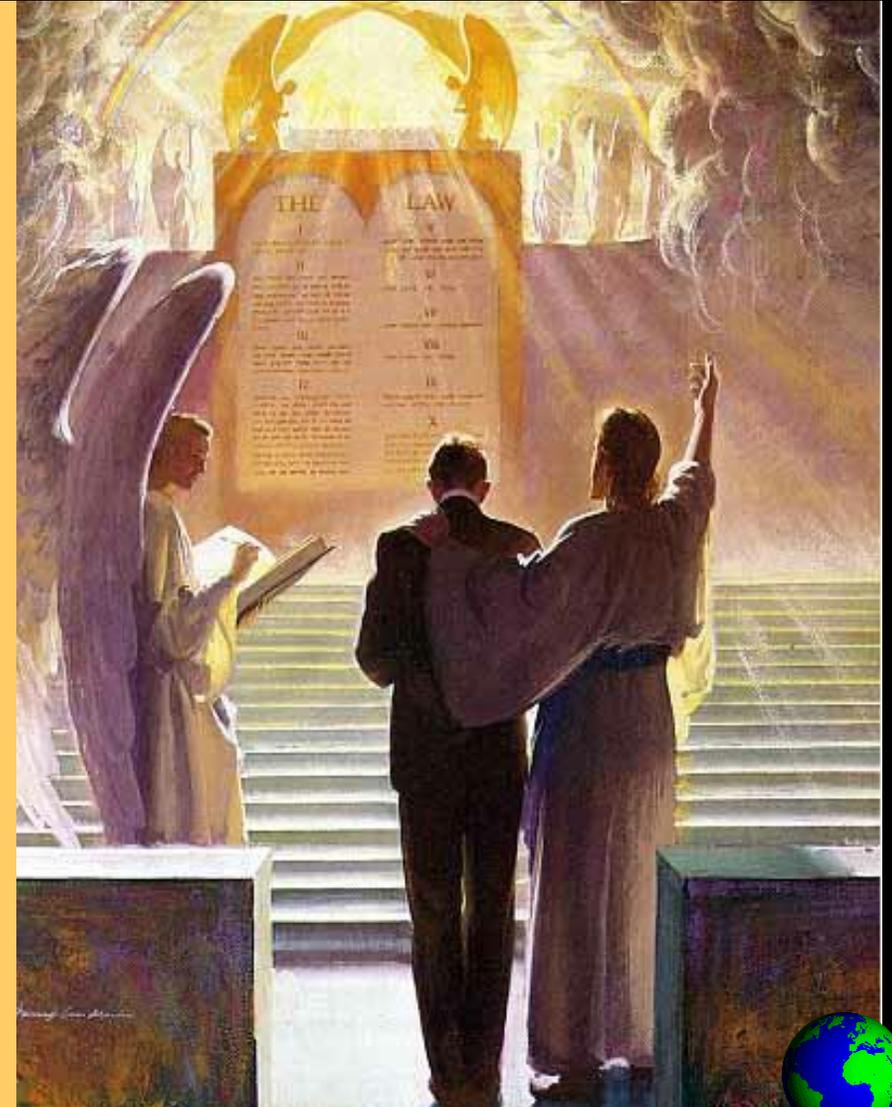
Summary – The Only Way is through Jesus!

"For eighteen centuries this work of ministration continued in the first apartment of the sanctuary. The blood of Christ, pleaded in behalf of penitent believers, secured their pardon and acceptance with the Father, yet their sins still remained upon the books of record. As in the typical service there was a work of atonement at the close of the year, so before Christ's work for the redemption of men is completed there is a work of atonement for the removal of sin from the sanctuary. This is the service which began when the 2300 days ended. At that time, as foretold by Daniel the prophet, our High Priest entered the most holy, to perform the last division of His solemn work--to cleanse the sanctuary. *Great Controversy, 421-422.(1858)*



Summary – The Only Way is through Jesus!

"As anciently the sins of the people were by faith placed upon the sin offering and through its blood transferred, in figure, to the earthly sanctuary, so in the new covenant the sins of the repentant are by faith placed upon Christ and transferred, in fact, to the heavenly sanctuary. And as the typical cleansing of the earthly was accomplished by the removal of the sins by which it had been polluted, so the actual cleansing of the heavenly is to be accomplished by the removal, or blotting out, of the sins which are there recorded. But before this can be accomplished, there must be an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement. The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigation--a work of judgment. This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem His people; for when He comes, His reward is with Him to give to every man according to his works. Revelation 22:12." *Great Controversy, 421-422.*



God's Library Sixty-Six Books = One Theme.

“Jesus the Saviour of All Mankind.”

The Unfolding of God's Plan to Save Mankind.

**39 Old Testament Books
“Jesus Is Coming.”**

Genesis (3:15;)

to

Malachi (3:1; 4-5;)

Note

Lk. 24:44; Jn. 5:39;

**27 New Testament Books
“Jesus Has Come.”**

Matthew (1:23;)

to

John (20:30-31; 21:25;)

“Jesus is Coming Again.”

Acts (1:9-11;)

to

Revelation. (22:12,22;)

**The Old Testament is the New Testament Concealed.
The New Testament is the Old Testament Revealed.**



Conclusion – The Only Way is through Jesus!

The Bible says that Jesus is coming back to reward the inhabitants of the earth and bring many back to heaven with Him (Revelation 22:12). The Bible also says in Matthew 25:34, “Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

Jesus, more than anything, wants to spend time with you. He invites you to return to heaven with Him to enjoy an eternity with no more tears, pain or suffering. What would keep you from accepting the invitation of Christ? What would keep you from putting Him first in your life? What would be more important than saying, “I want to pattern my life after Jesus and soon live with Him forever?”



God's Plan of Salvation

GOD'S PART

1. The great love of God for man ([John 3:16](#))
2. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour ([Luke 19:10](#))
3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide ([John 16:13](#))
4. Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation ([Romans 1:16](#))
5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ ([Romans 5:9](#))

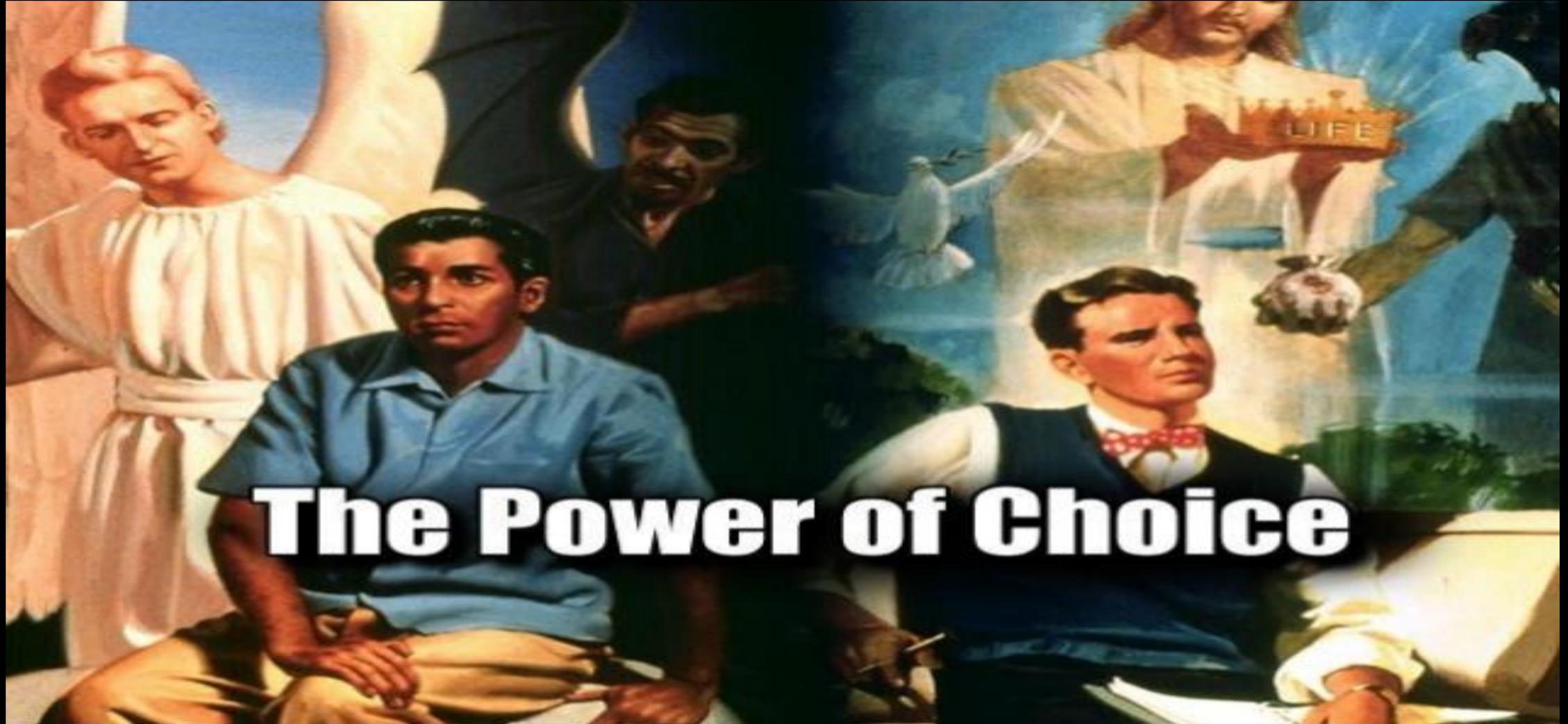
MAN'S PART

1. Hear the Gospel. ([Romans 10:17](#), [John 8:32](#))
2. Believe the Gospel ([Hebrews 11:6](#), [John 20:31](#))
3. Repent of past sins ([Luke 13:3](#), [Acts 17:30](#))
4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ ([Romans 10:10](#), [Matthew 10:32](#))
5. Be Baptized ([Galatians 3:27](#), [Mark 16:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#))
6. Be faithful unto death ([Revelations 2:10](#))

Will you gladly accept His Word?

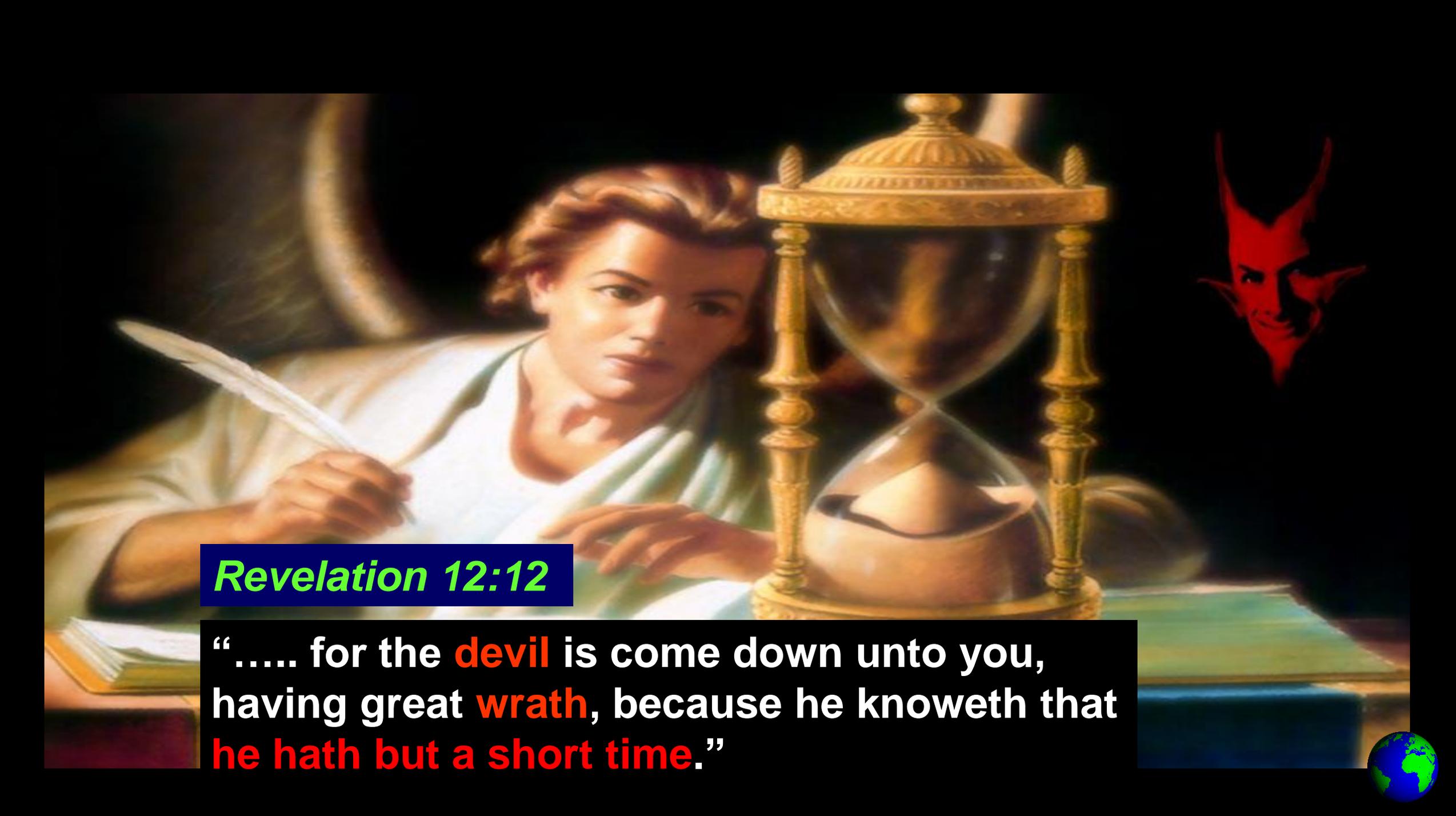


God has given all:



The Power of Choice





Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?