



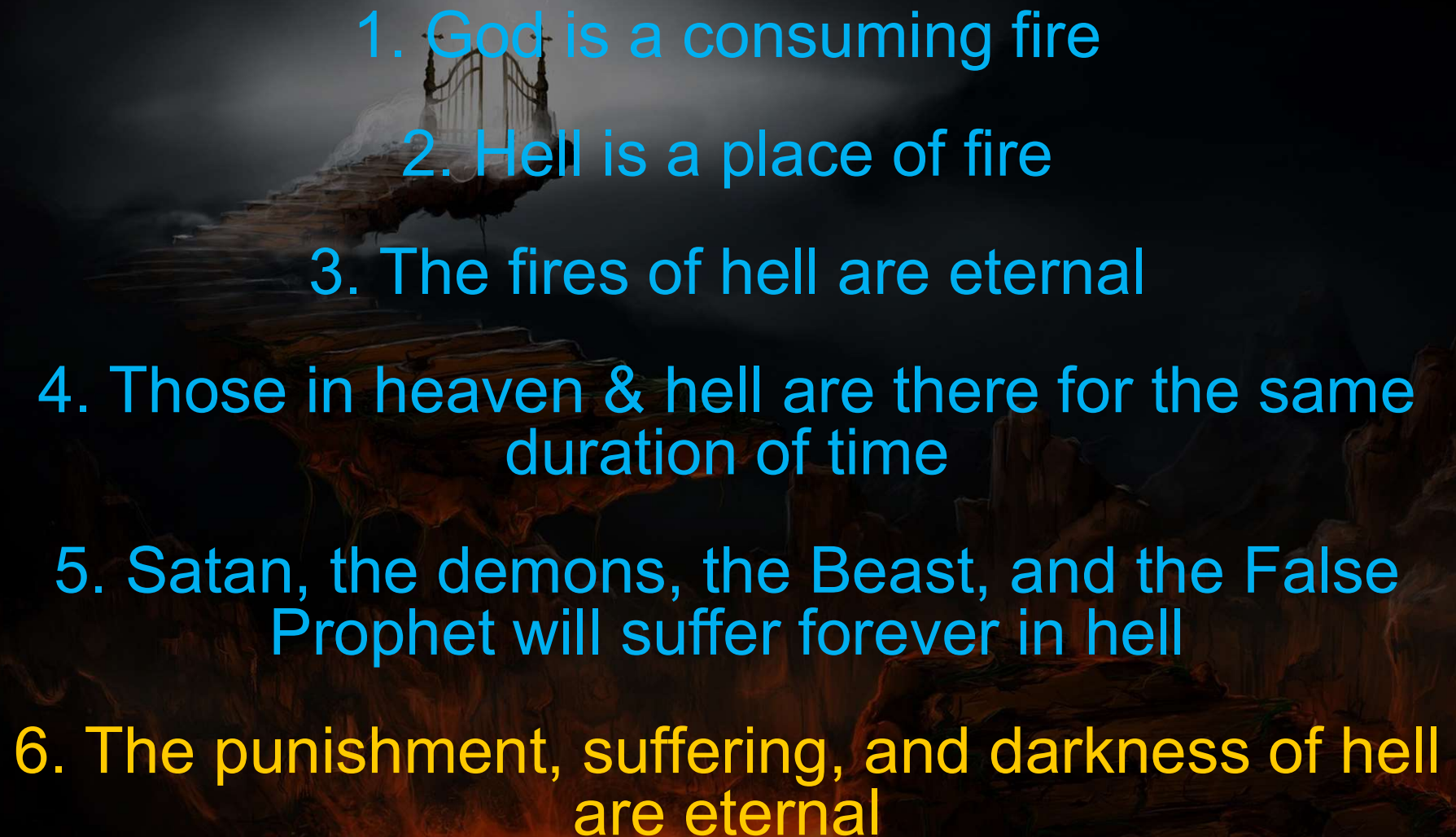
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Part 5A: Eternal fire or annihilation?

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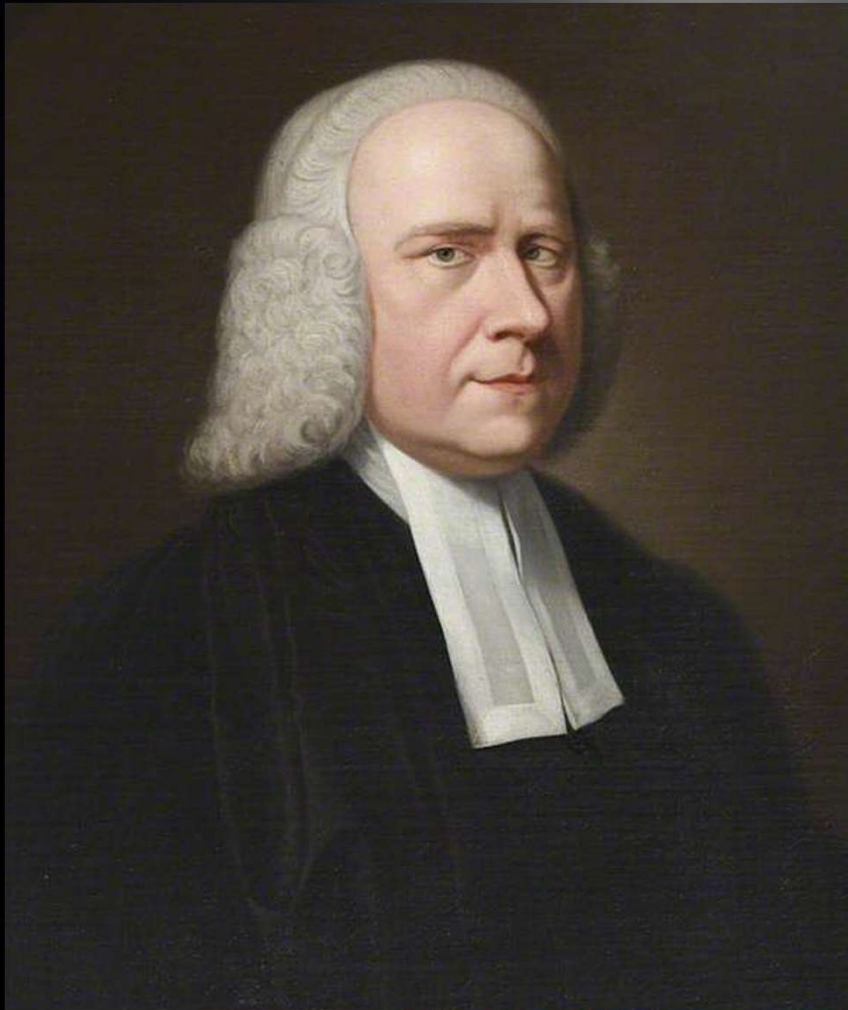
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1. God is a consuming fire
 2. Hell is a place of fire
 3. The fires of hell are eternal
 4. Those in heaven & hell are there for the same duration of time
 5. Satan, the demons, the Beast, and the False Prophet will suffer forever in hell
 6. The punishment, suffering, and darkness of hell are eternal

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George Whitefield:

“Consider the torment of burning like a livid coal, not for an instant or for a day, but for millions and millions of ages, at the end of which souls will realize that they are no closer to the end than when they first begun, and they will never, ever be delivered from that place.”

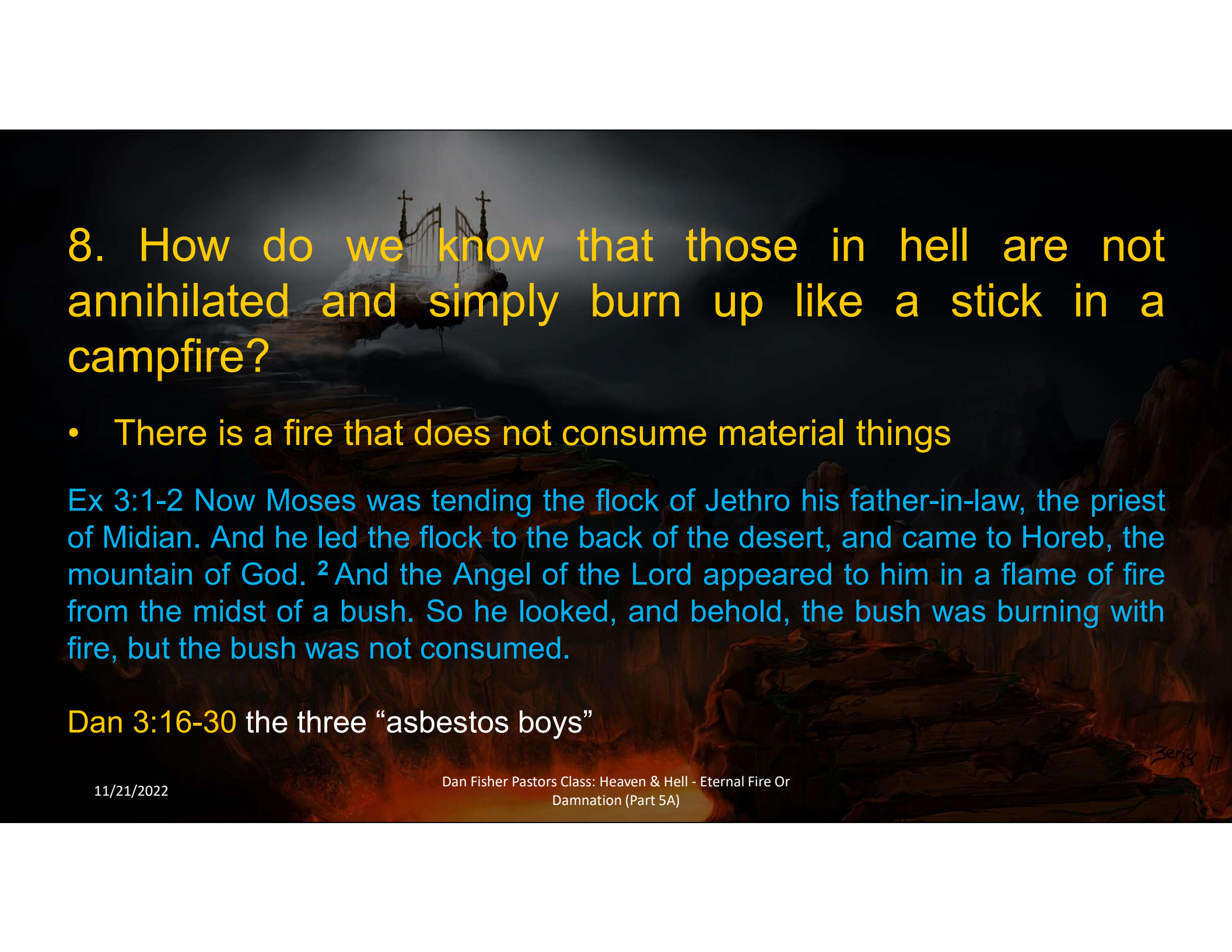
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7. Those in hell will be banished from the Father and His glory, but they will be punished in the presence of Jesus and the angels

Rev 14:10 He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.



8. How do we know that those in hell are not annihilated and simply burn up like a stick in a campfire?

- There is a fire that does not consume material things

Ex 3:1-2 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Dan 3:16-30 the three “asbestos boys”

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- The fires of hell are not completely like the fires with which we are familiar
 - The resurrection body cannot die or be destroyed

Lk 20:36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

- The Beast and the False Prophet (both humans) are not consumed after having been in the Lake of Fire for 1000 yrs.

Rev 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.



9. Then why did Jesus say God would “destroy” both body and soul in hell?

Mt 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

The word Jesus used for destroy (*apollumi* Gk) in Mt 10:28 is often translated “lost” — Lk 15:4,8 (lost sheep), Mk 2:22 (spilled wine in old wineskins)

10. It simply follows that all who end up in hell will suffer forever


Rev 14:9-11 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

Rev 20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Mt 13:43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

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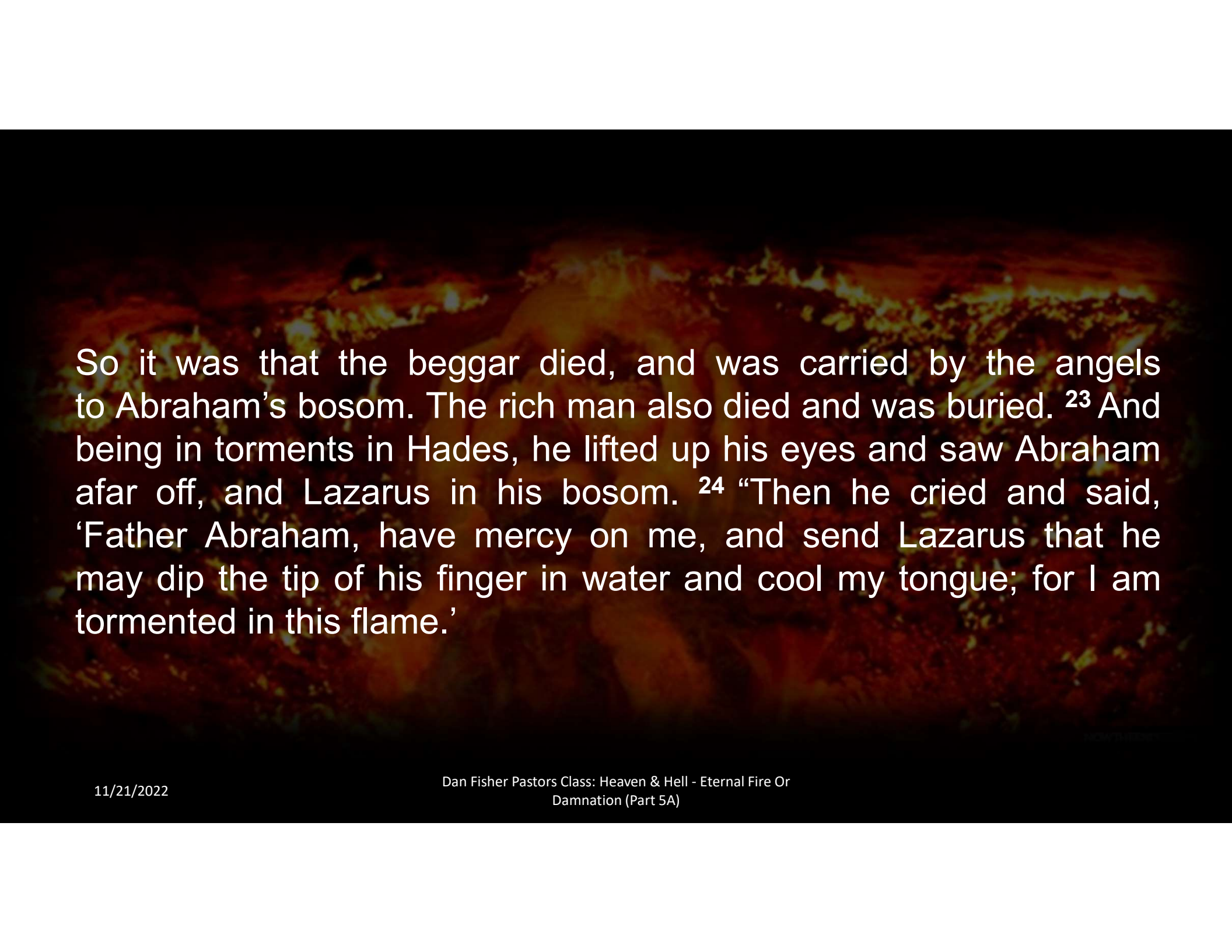
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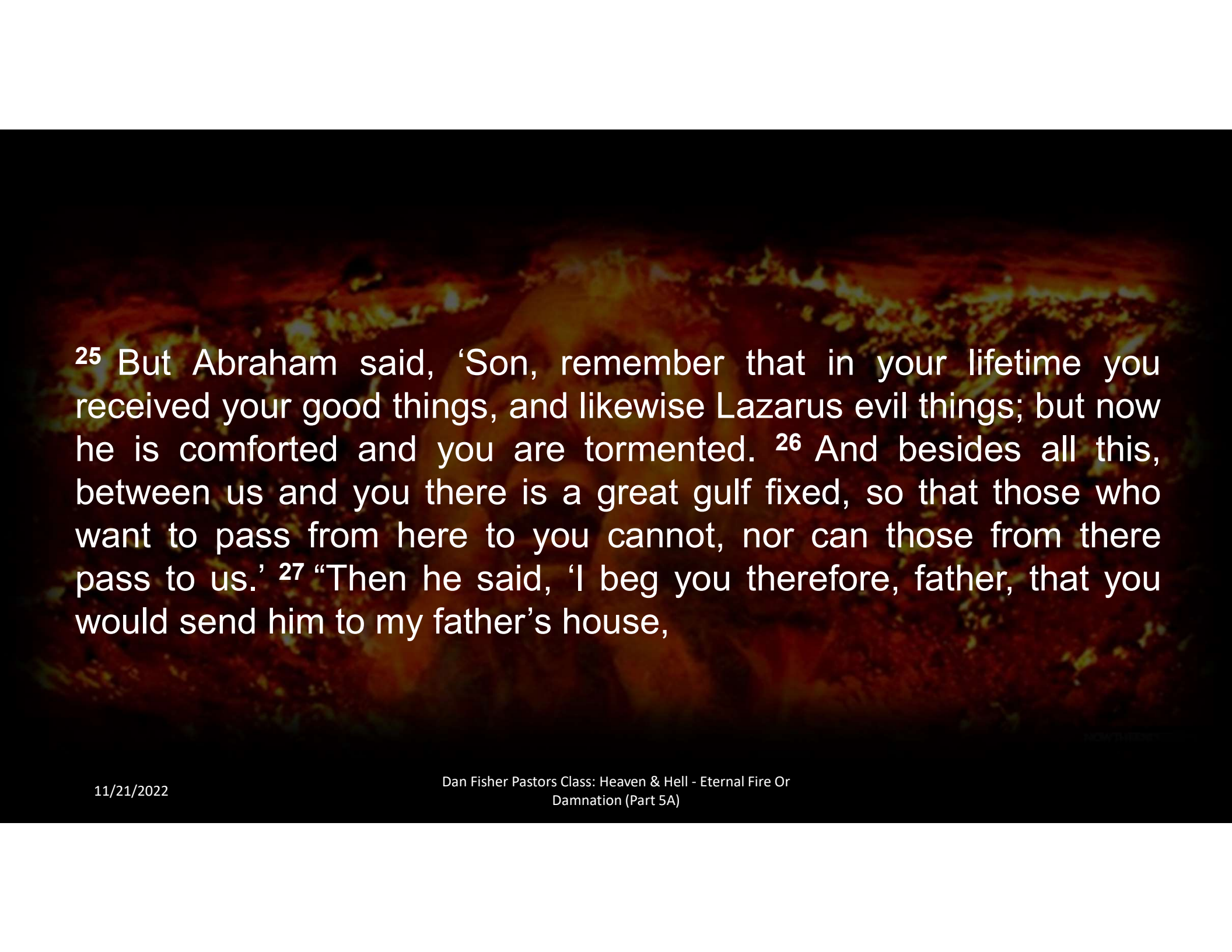
Luke 16:22-31

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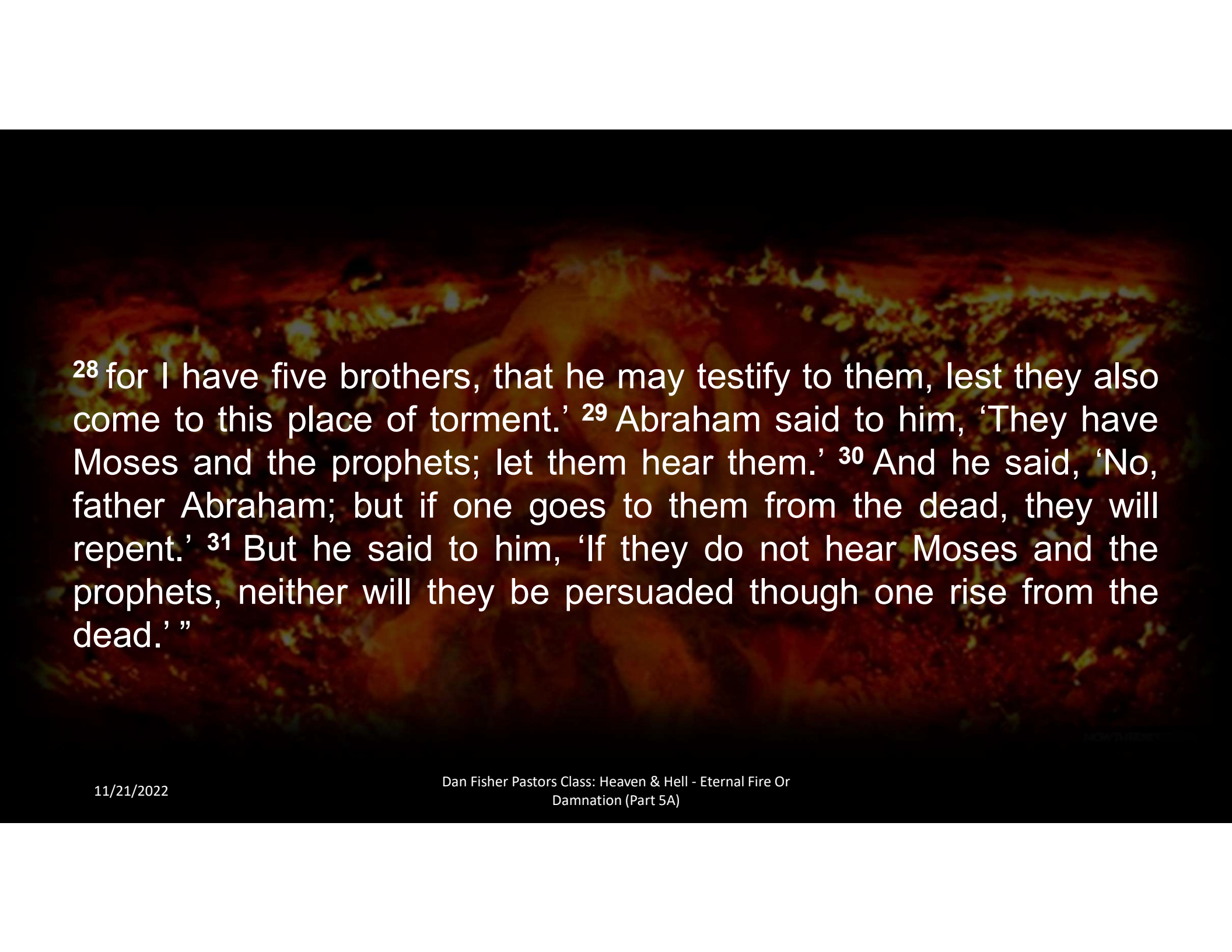
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So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'



²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' ²⁷ "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,



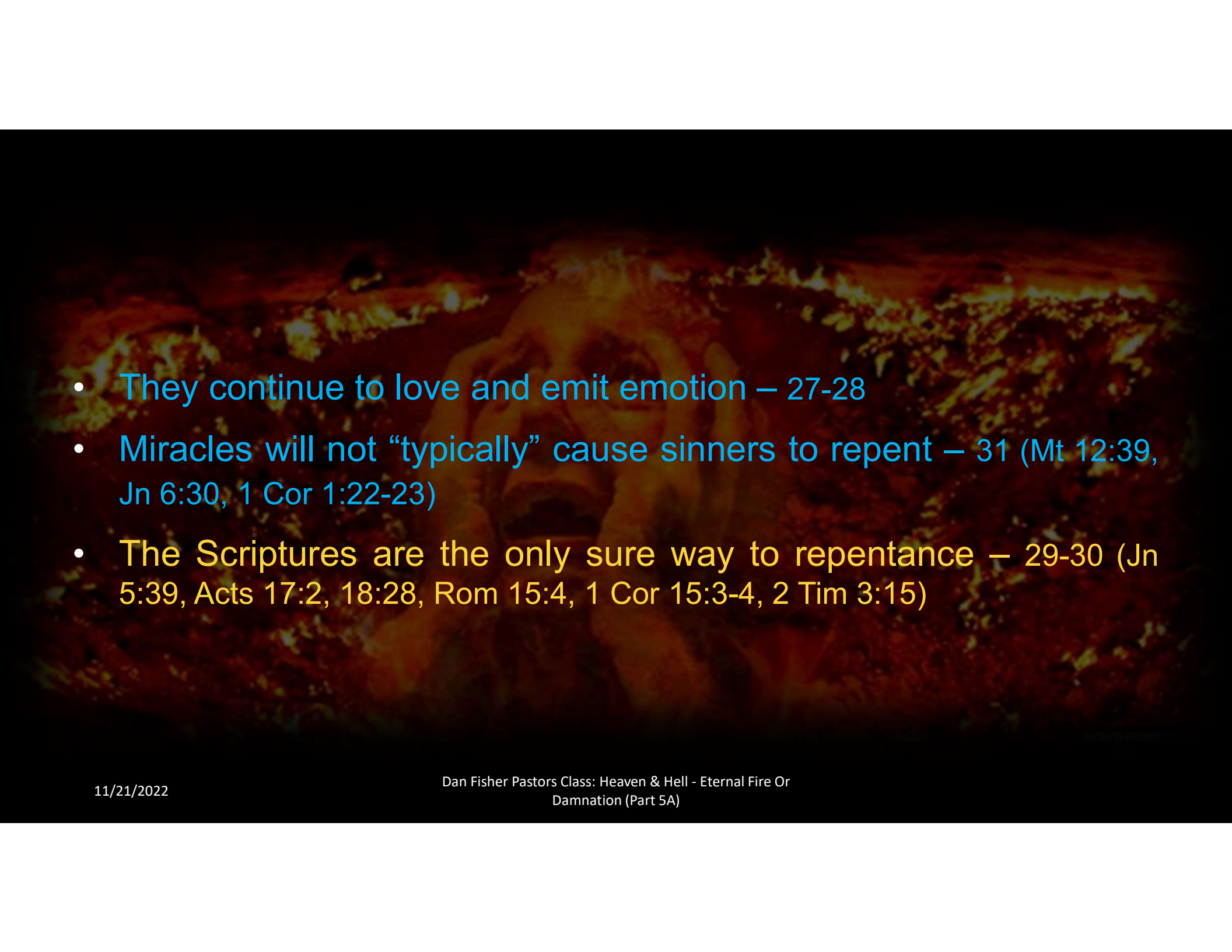
²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' ”

Why I believe this is not a parable:

- It is not introduced as a parable
- Proper names are used – Lazarus, Abraham, Moses
- Some parables could've been stories about “actual” people and events
- Even if Lk 16:19-31 is a parable, the essential elements of the story remain true

What Lk 16 tells us about the dead:

- They immediately go to heaven or hell – 22-23
- They are conscious – 23-24
- They recognize people they knew in life – 23
- They remain who they had been in life
- They can feel: the “rich man” is tormented & wants water – 23-24
- They want mercy – 24,27
- Their memories are intact – 25
- **Their destinies are fixed – 26**

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- They continue to love and emit emotion – 27-28
 - Miracles will not “typically” cause sinners to repent – 31 (Mt 12:39, Jn 6:30, 1 Cor 1:22-23)
 - The Scriptures are the only sure way to repentance – 29-30 (Jn 5:39, Acts 17:2, 18:28, Rom 15:4, 1 Cor 15:3-4, 2 Tim 3:15)




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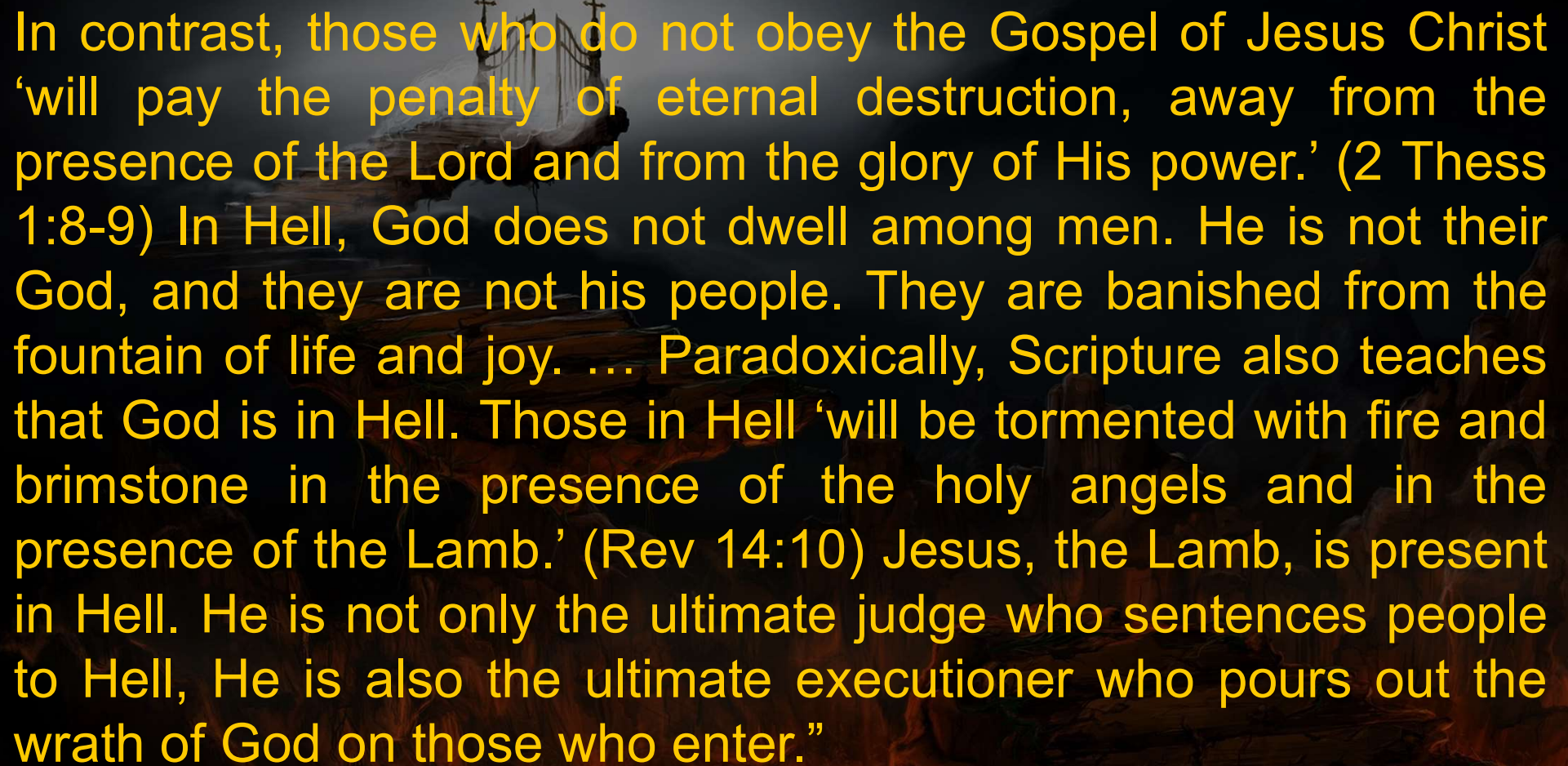
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“Hell is so horrific because it is the exact opposite of what makes Heaven so amazing. The apex of joy and the height of believers’ experience in Heaven is that God ‘will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them.’ (Rev 21:3)

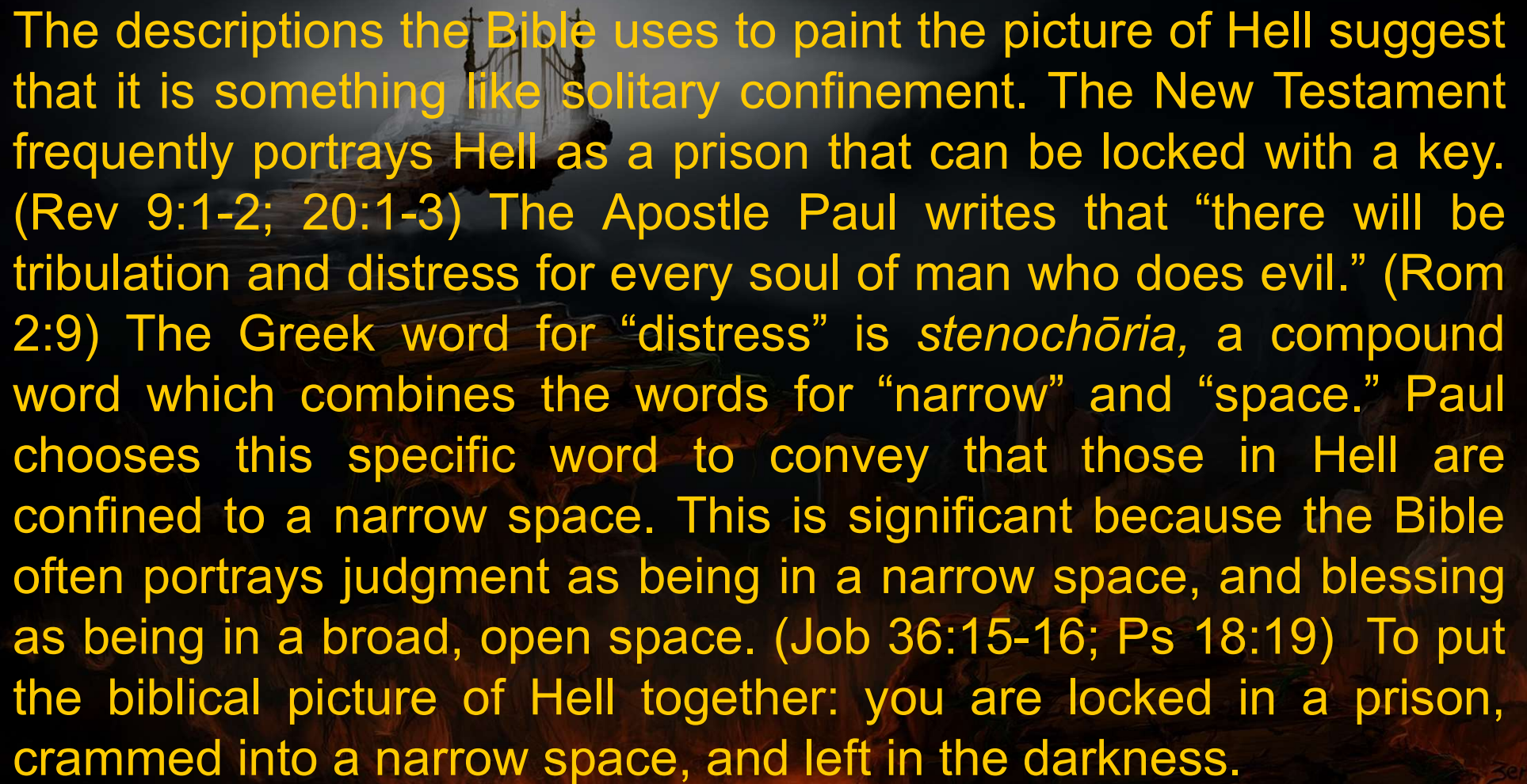
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In contrast, those who do not obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ 'will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.' (2 Thess 1:8-9) In Hell, God does not dwell among men. He is not their God, and they are not his people. They are banished from the fountain of life and joy. ... Paradoxically, Scripture also teaches that God is in Hell. Those in Hell 'will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.' (Rev 14:10) Jesus, the Lamb, is present in Hell. He is not only the ultimate judge who sentences people to Hell, He is also the ultimate executioner who pours out the wrath of God on those who enter."

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The descriptions the Bible uses to paint the picture of Hell suggest that it is something like solitary confinement. The New Testament frequently portrays Hell as a prison that can be locked with a key. (Rev 9:1-2; 20:1-3) The Apostle Paul writes that “there will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil.” (Rom 2:9) The Greek word for “distress” is *stenochōria*, a compound word which combines the words for “narrow” and “space.” Paul chooses this specific word to convey that those in Hell are confined to a narrow space. This is significant because the Bible often portrays judgment as being in a narrow space, and blessing as being in a broad, open space. (Job 36:15-16; Ps 18:19) To put the biblical picture of Hell together: you are locked in a prison, crammed into a narrow space, and left in the darkness.



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