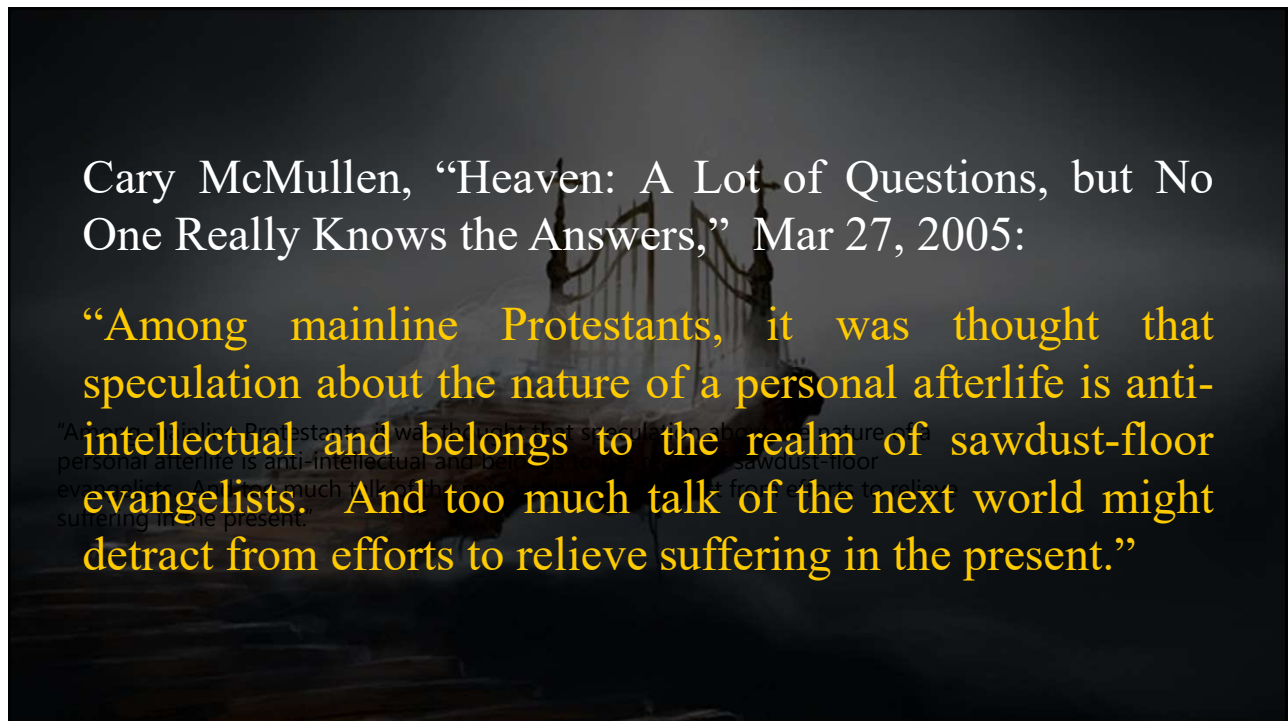
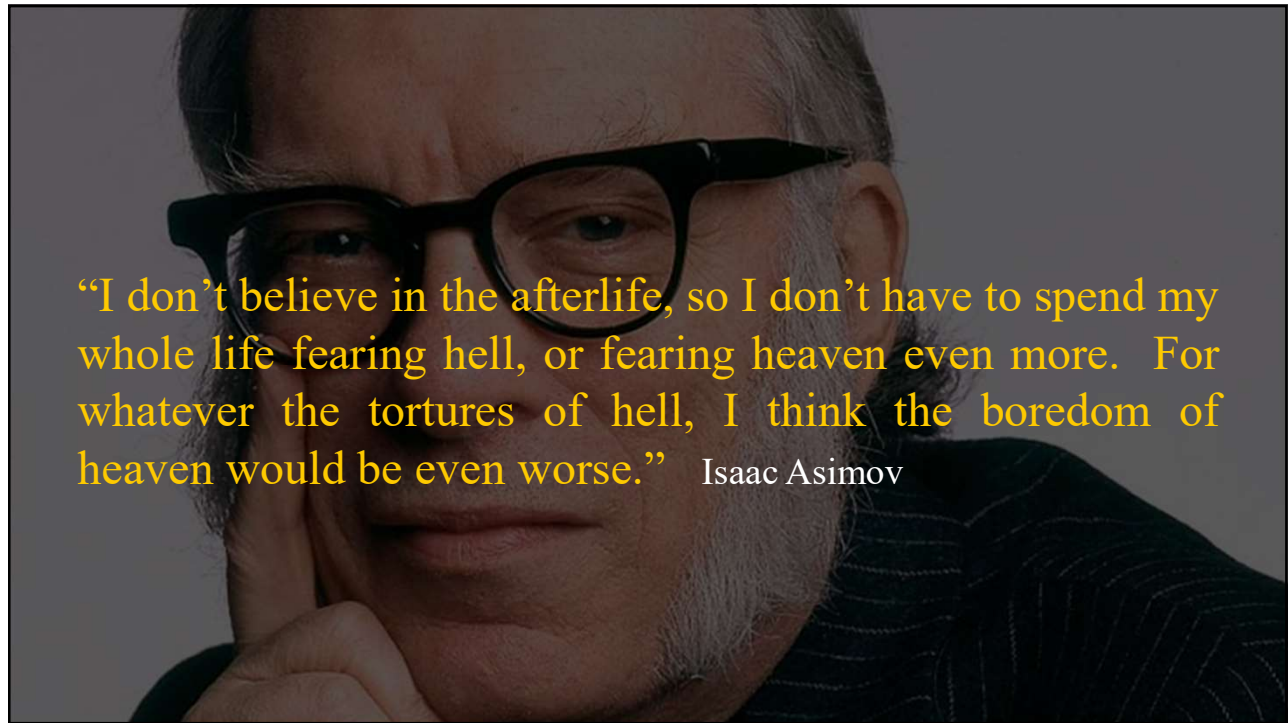




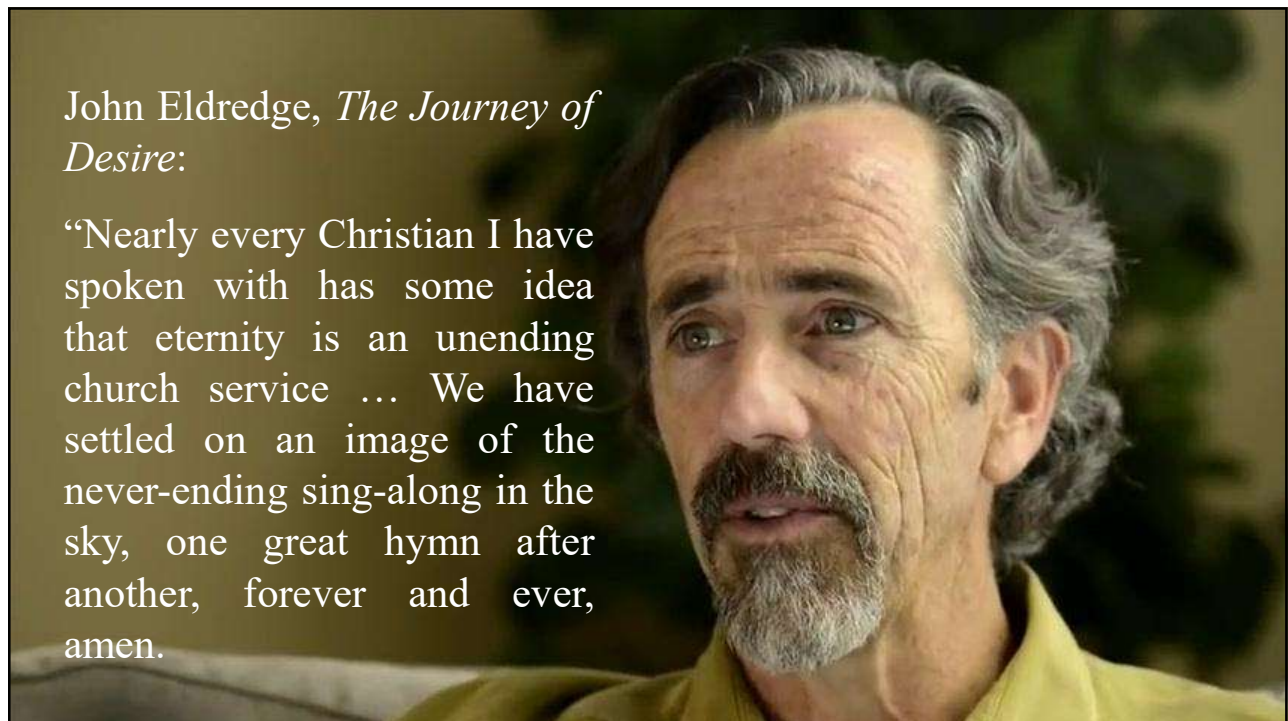
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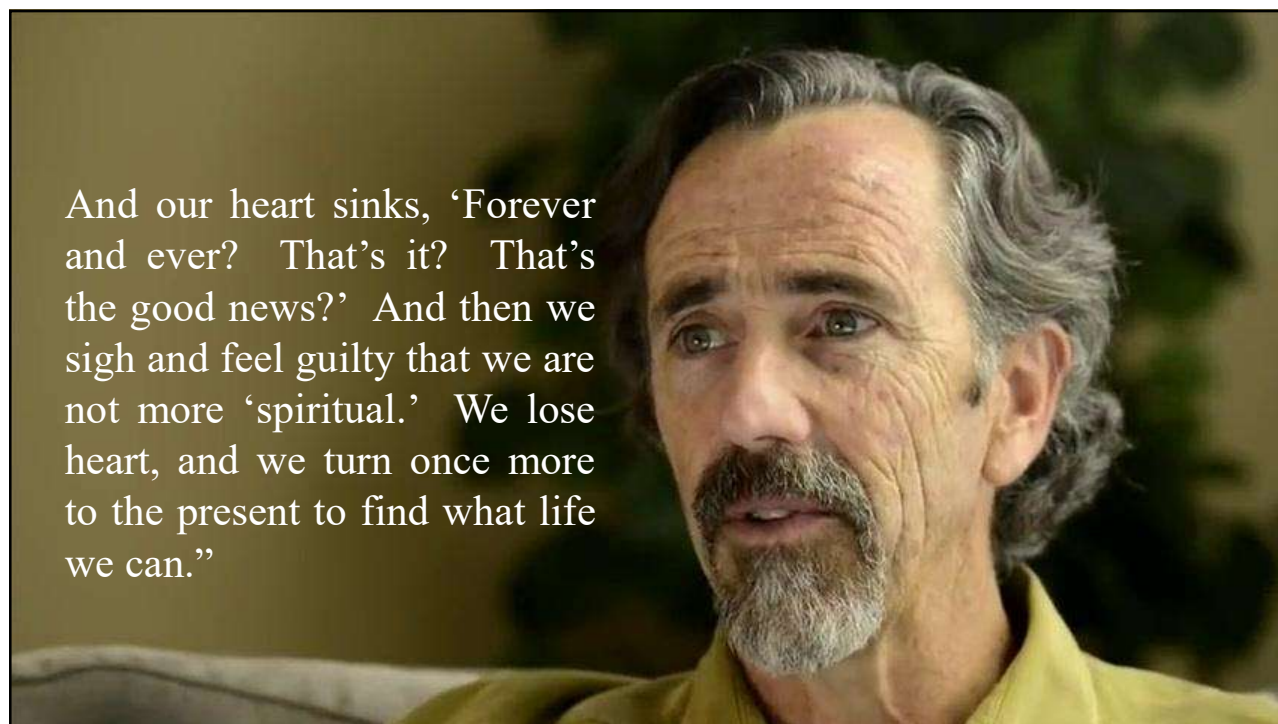
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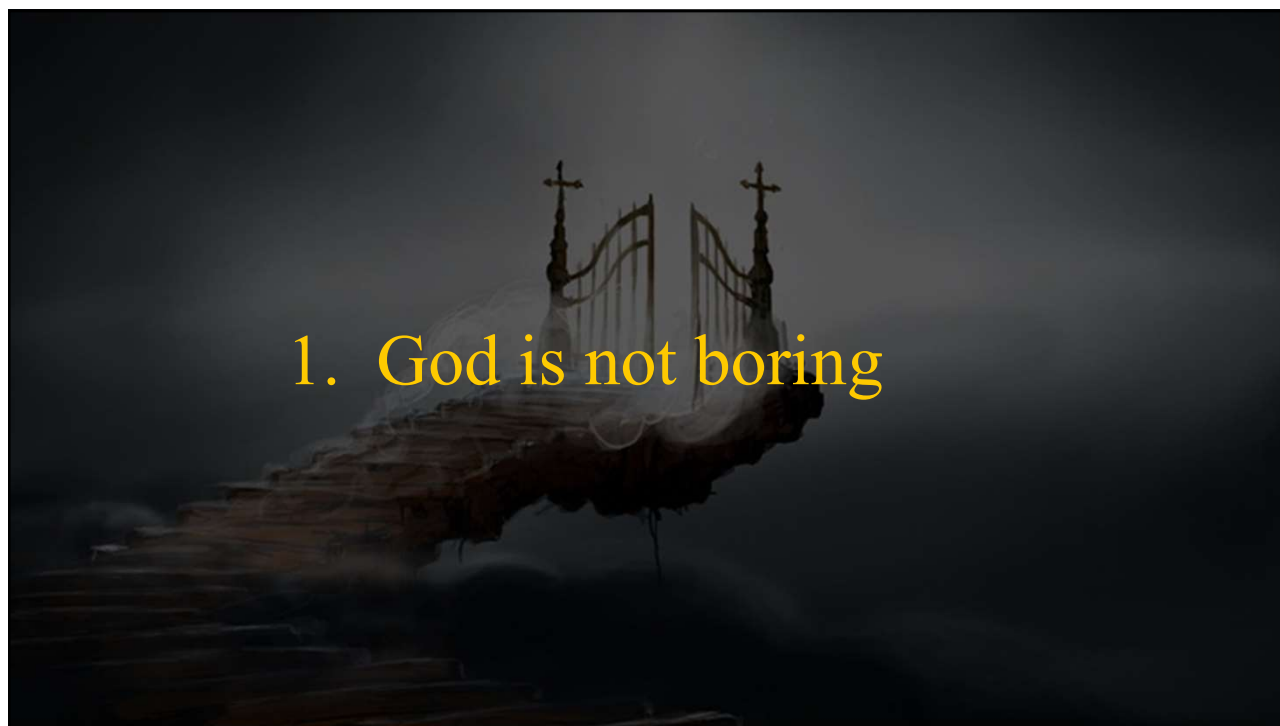
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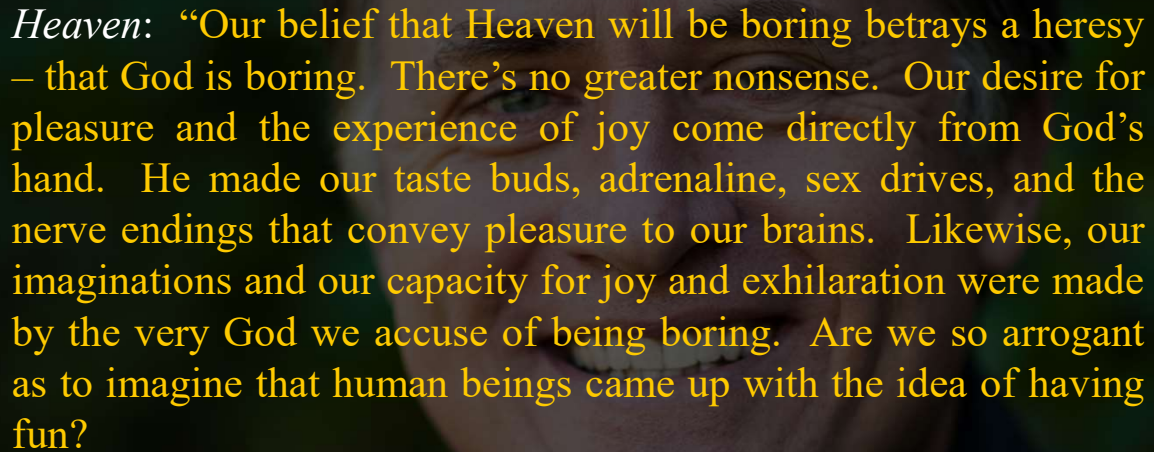
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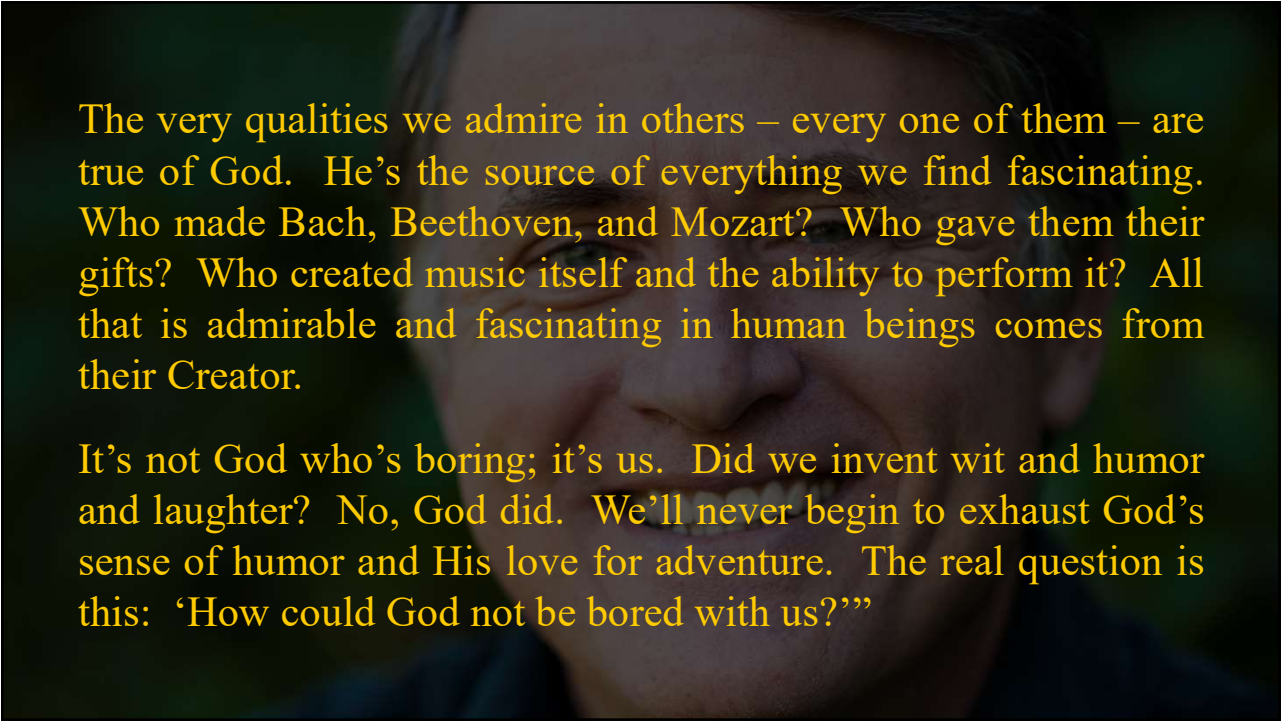


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Heaven: “Our belief that Heaven will be boring betrays a heresy – that God is boring. There’s no greater nonsense. Our desire for pleasure and the experience of joy come directly from God’s hand. He made our taste buds, adrenaline, sex drives, and the nerve endings that convey pleasure to our brains. Likewise, our imaginations and our capacity for joy and exhilaration were made by the very God we accuse of being boring. Are we so arrogant as to imagine that human beings came up with the idea of having fun?

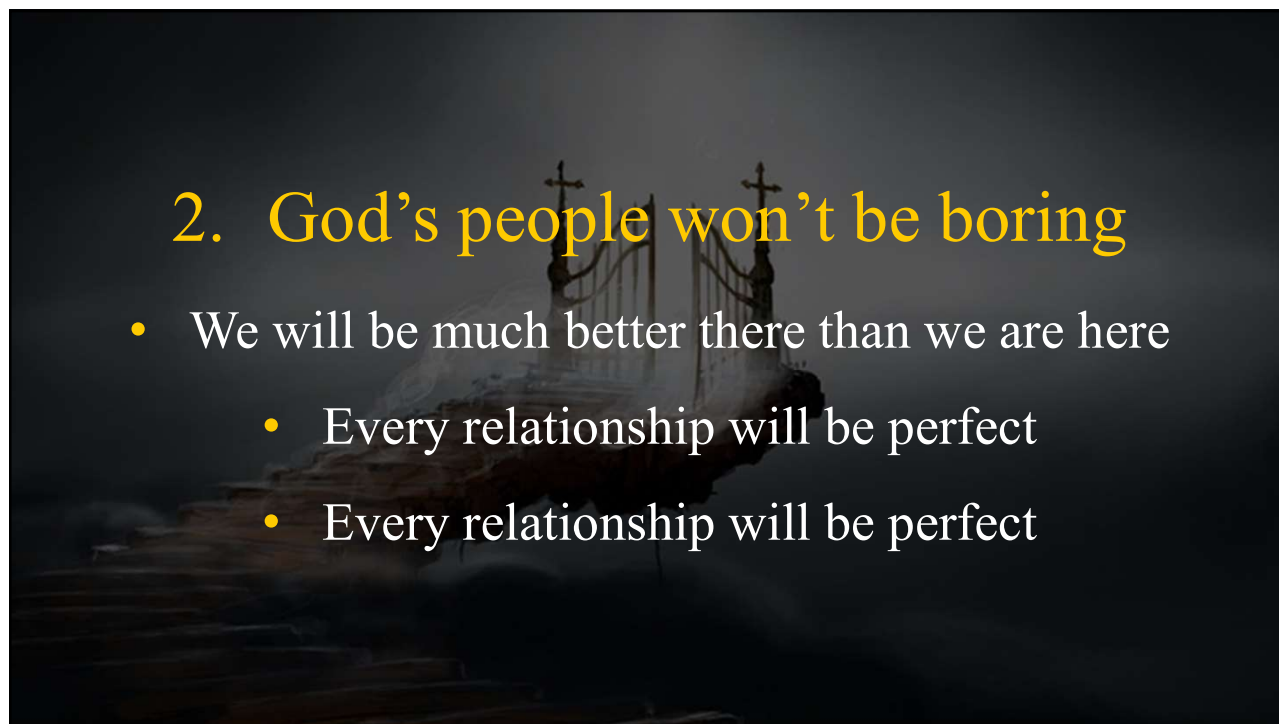
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The very qualities we admire in others – every one of them – are true of God. He’s the source of everything we find fascinating. Who made Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart? Who gave them their gifts? Who created music itself and the ability to perform it? All that is admirable and fascinating in human beings comes from their Creator.

It’s not God who’s boring; it’s us. Did we invent wit and humor and laughter? No, God did. We’ll never begin to exhaust God’s sense of humor and His love for adventure. The real question is this: ‘How could God not be bored with us?’”

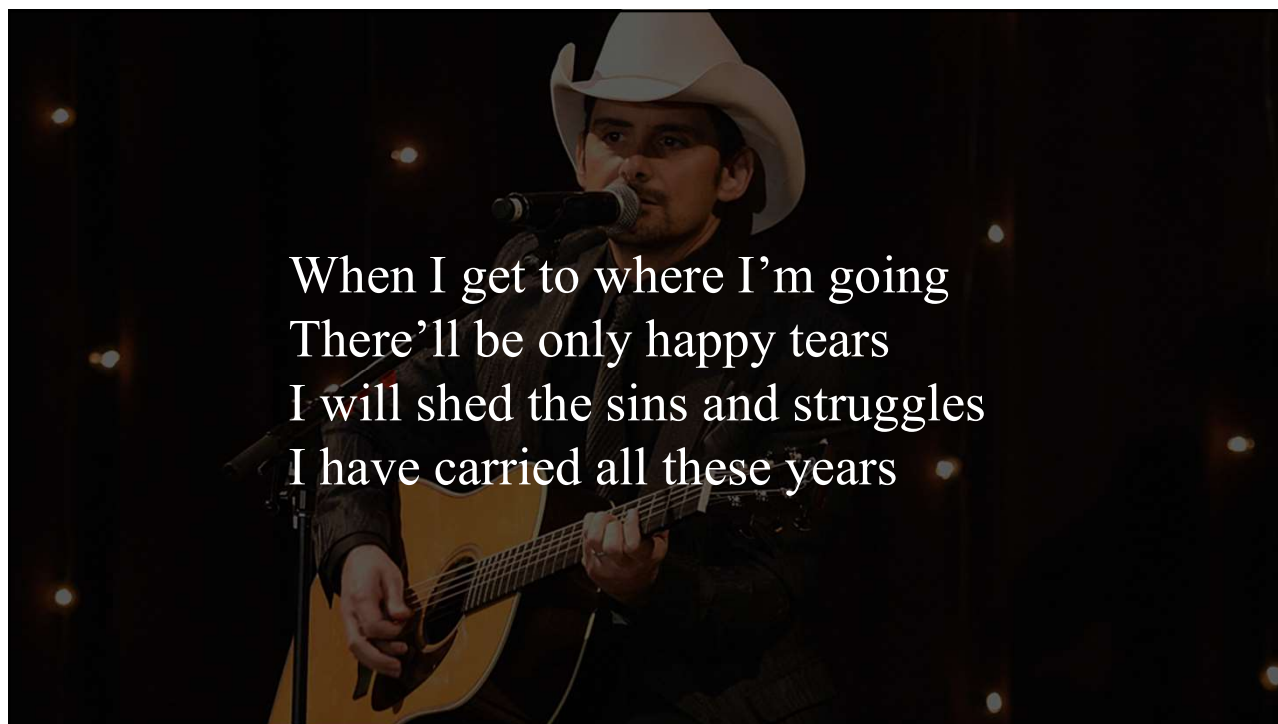
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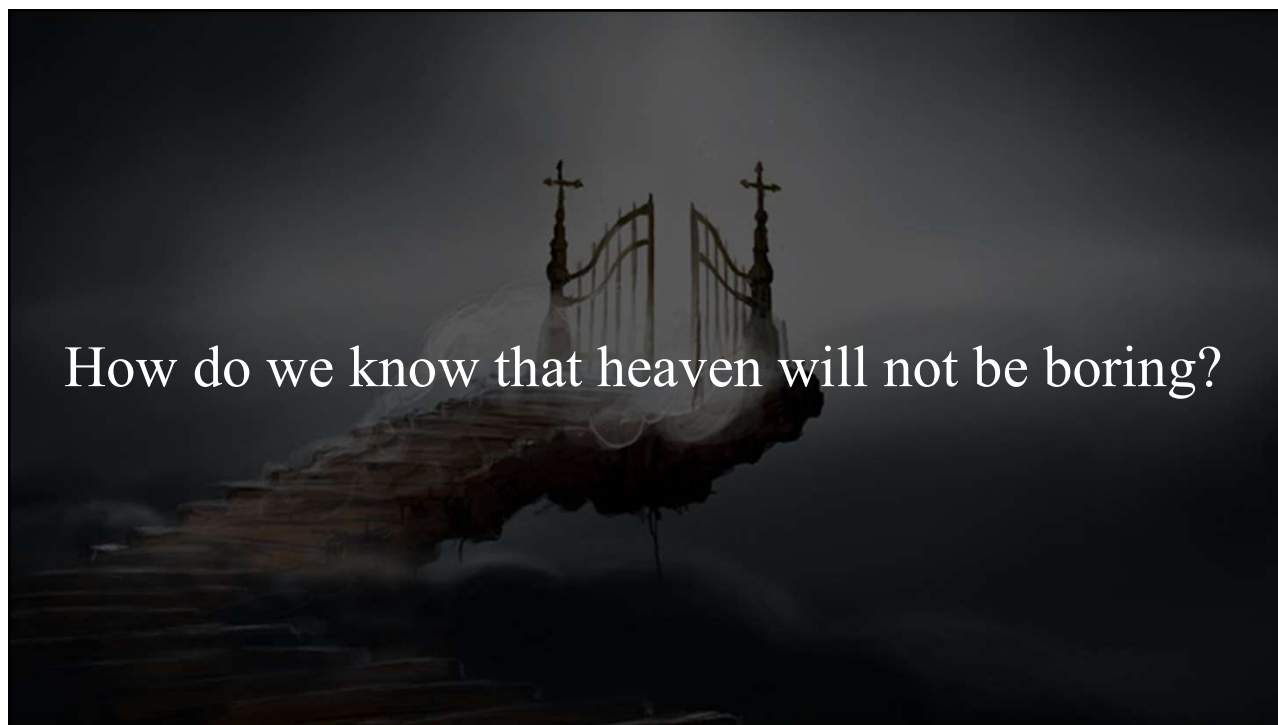


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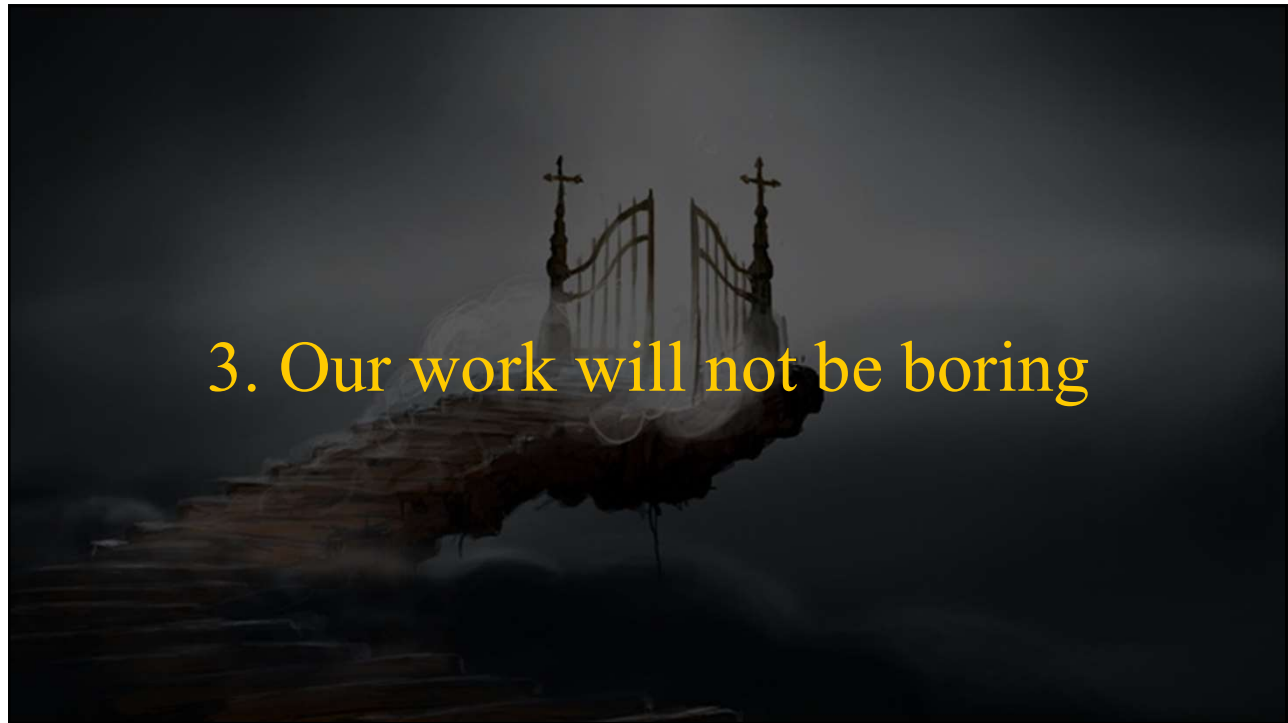
When I get to where I'm going
There'll be only happy tears
I will shed the sins and struggles
I have carried all these years

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How do we know that heaven will not be boring?

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3. Our work will not be boring

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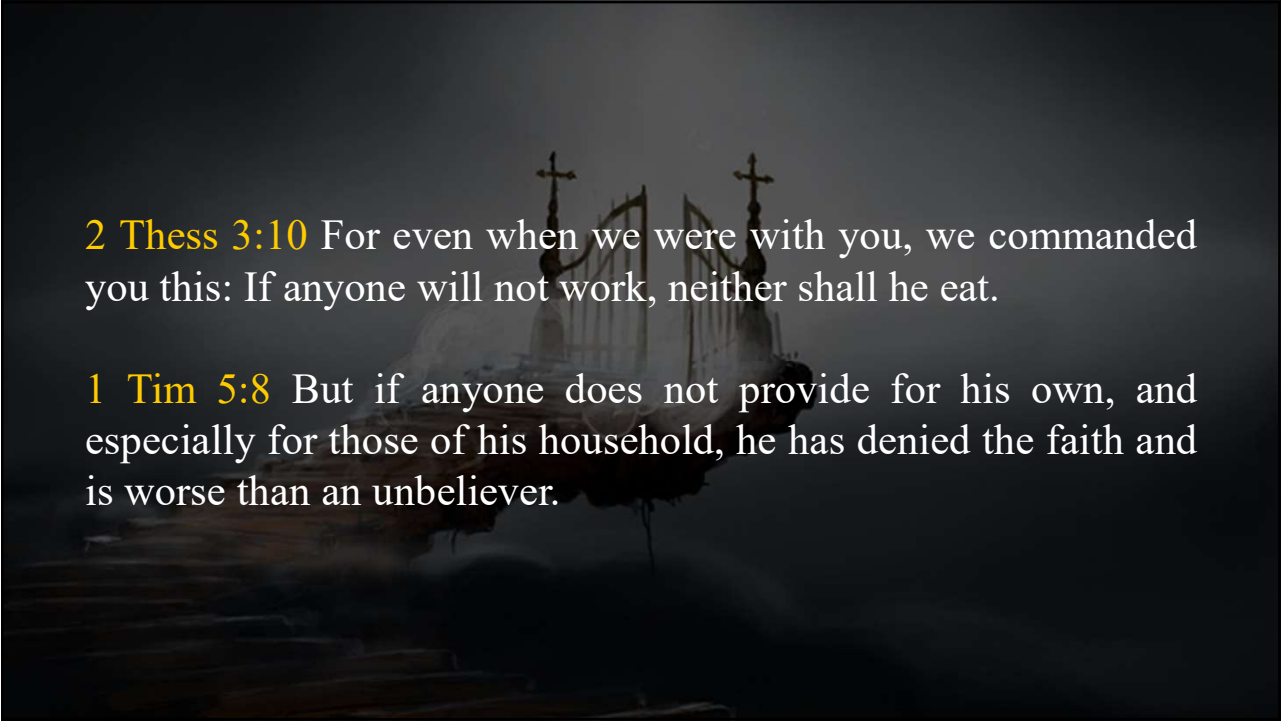
- God made us to work and to be productive

Gen 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

2:15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

2:19-20 Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field.

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2 Thess 3:10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

1 Tim 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

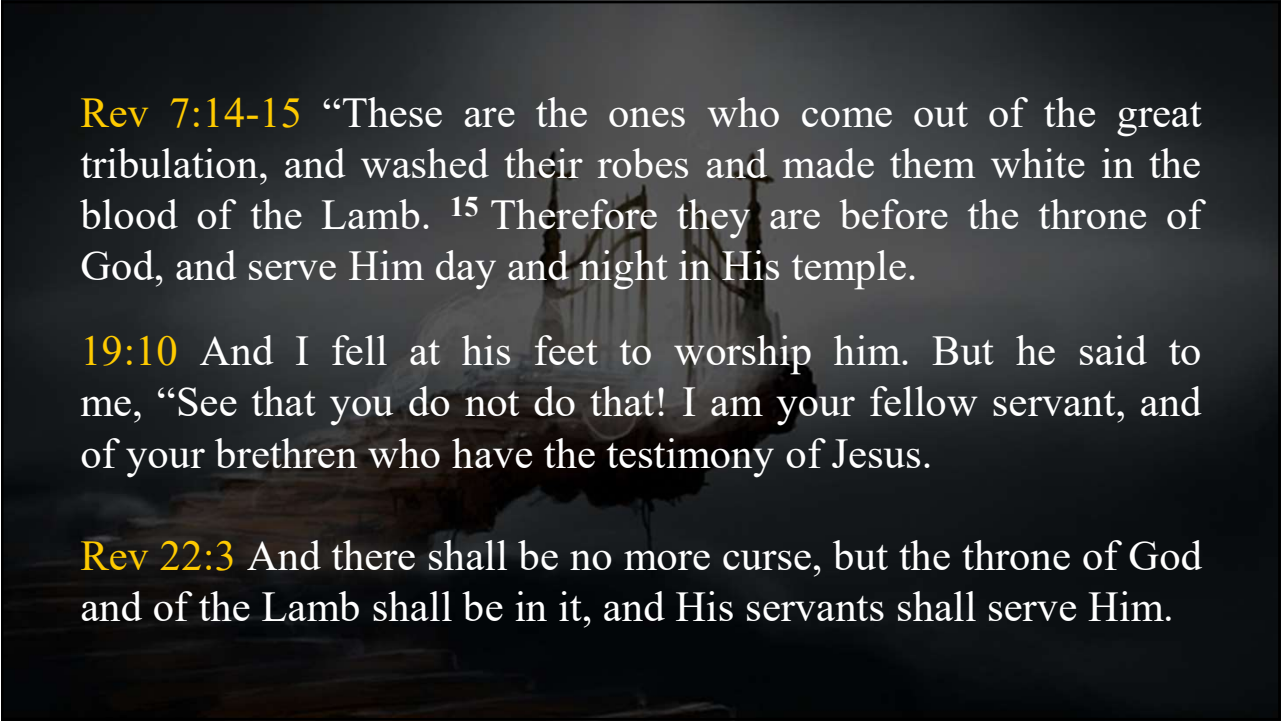
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- **We are servants of the Lord now, and we will serve Him in heaven**

Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

1 Cor 4:1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

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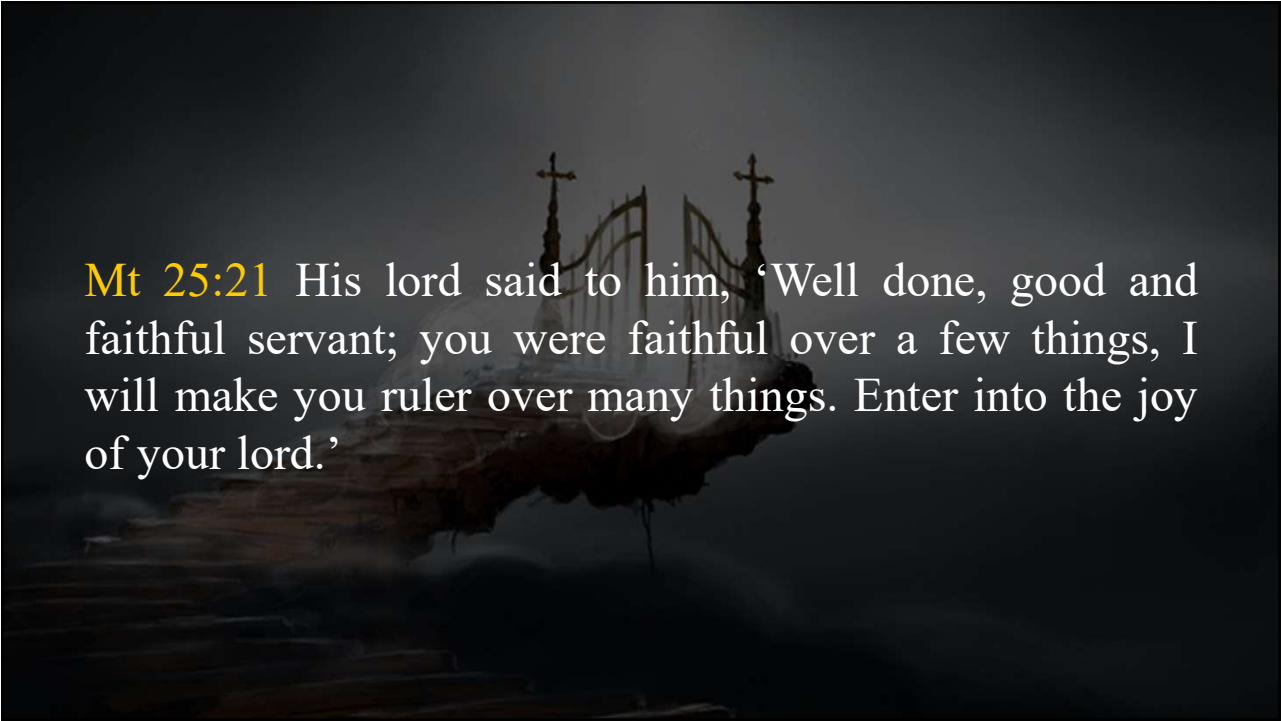


Rev 7:14-15 “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple.

19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus.

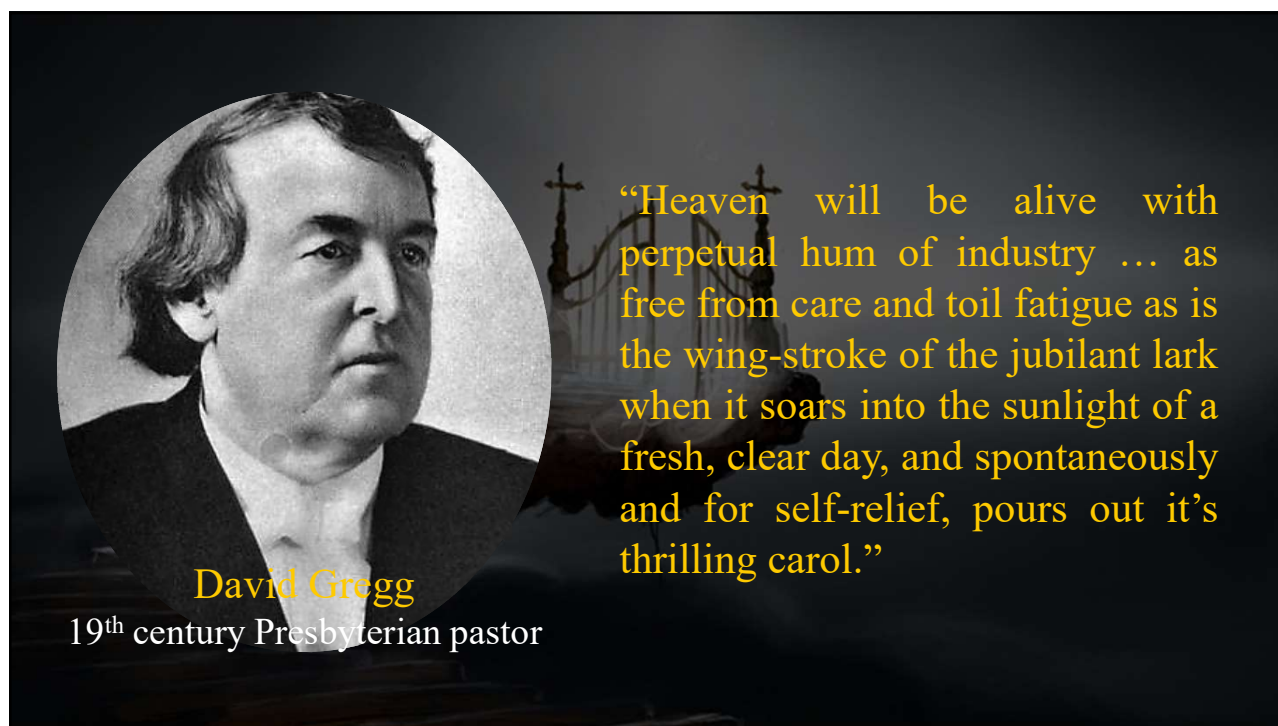
Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

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Mt 25:21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

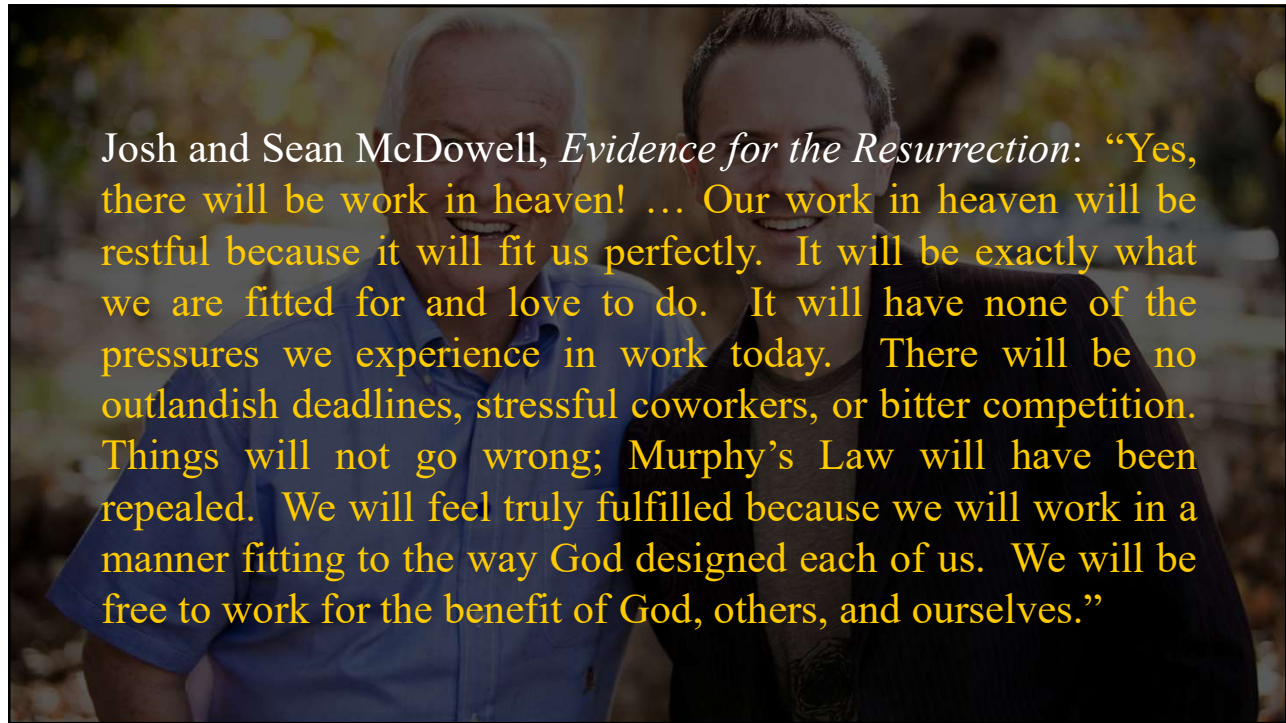
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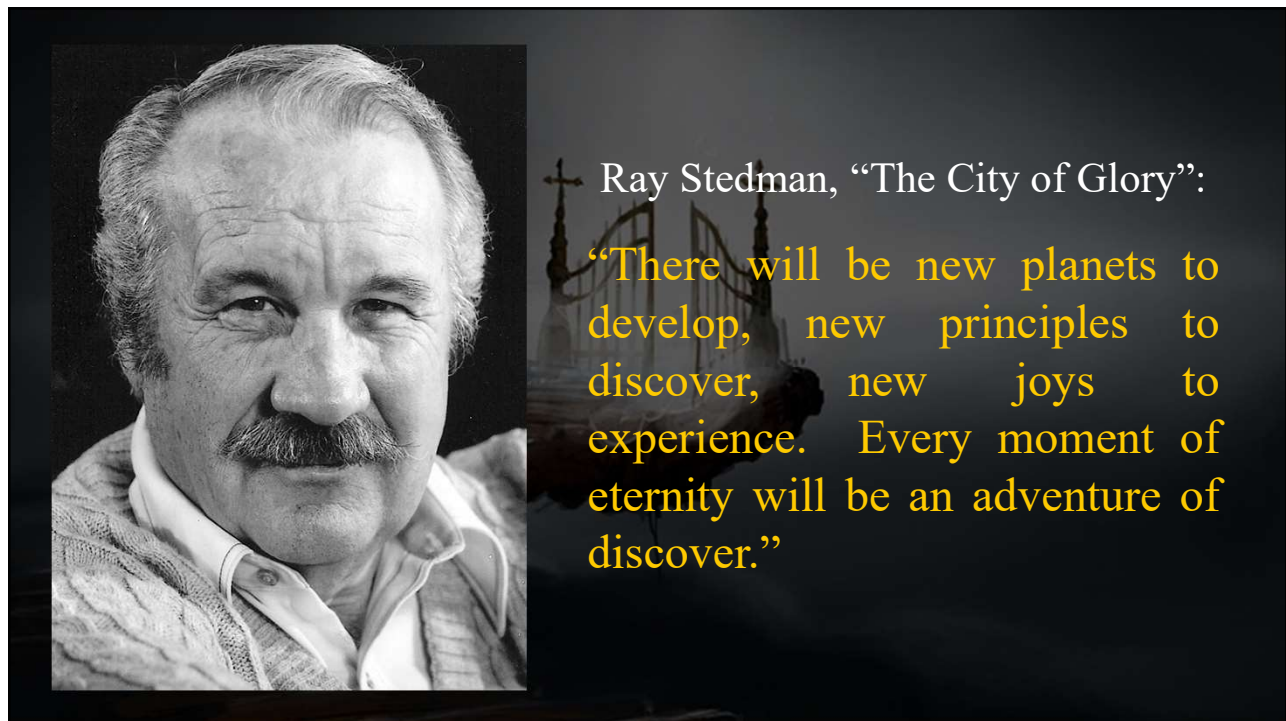
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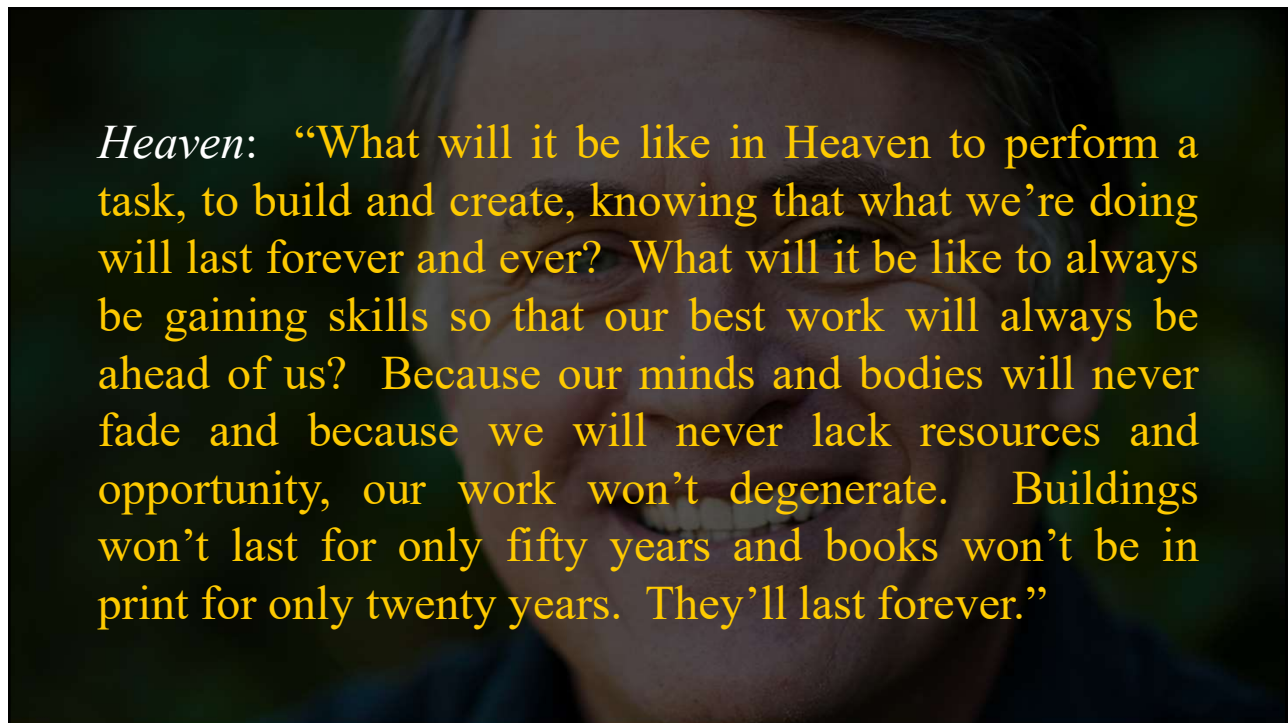
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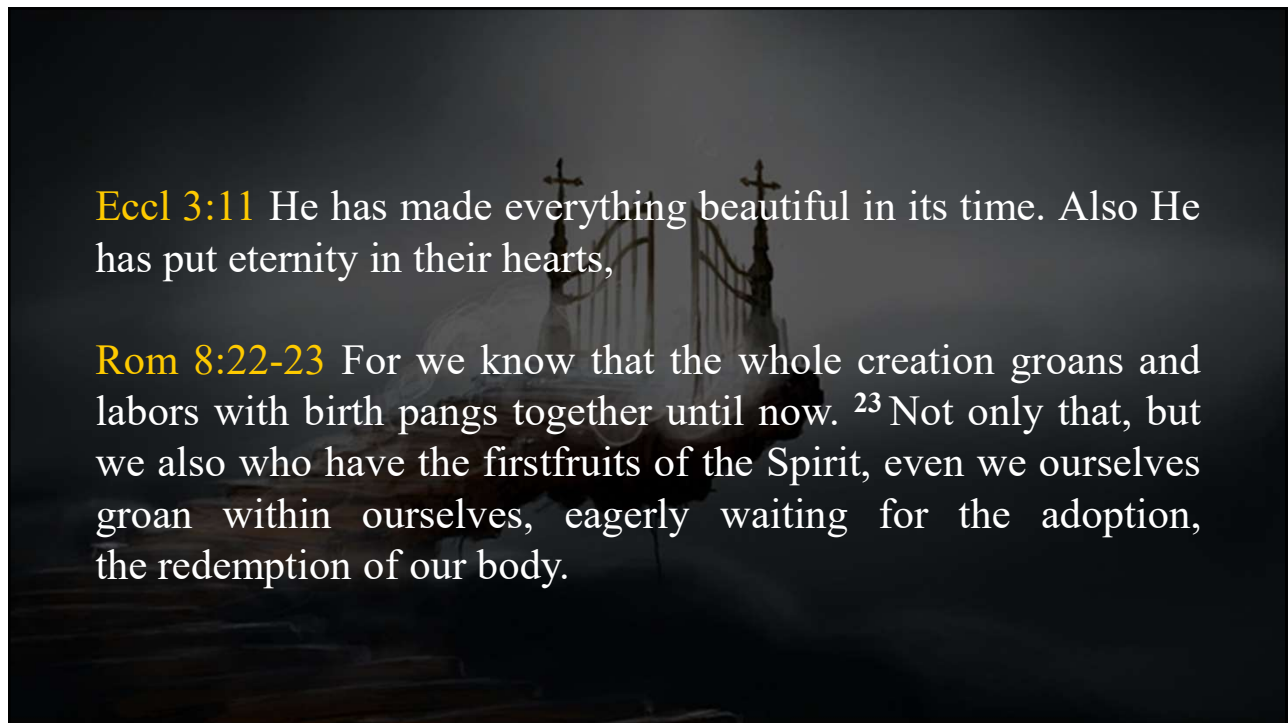


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4. Heaven is the place you have always longed for

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Ecc1 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts,

Rom 8:22-23 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

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Peter Toon, *Heaven and Hell: A Biblical and Theological Overview*:

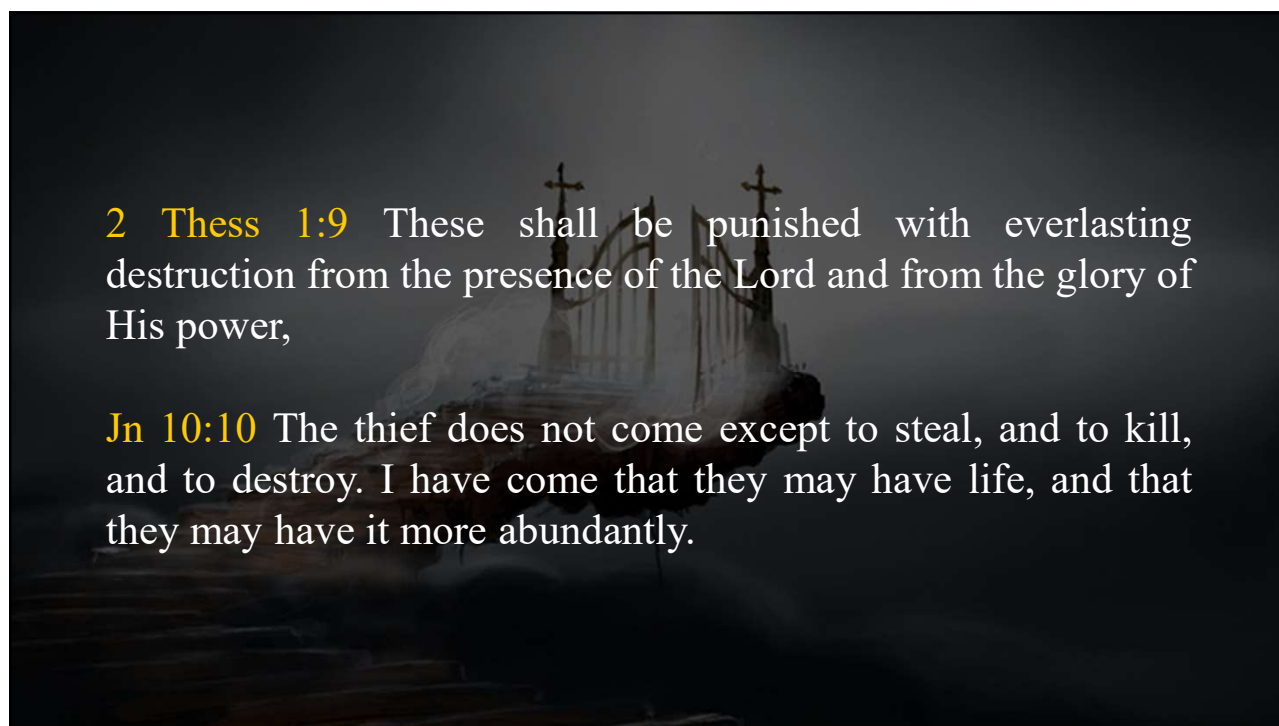
“The most tragic strain in human existence lies in the fact that the pleasure we find in the things of this life, however good that pleasure may be in itself, is always taken away from us. The things for which men strive hardly ever turn out to be as satisfying as they expected. And in the rare cases in which they do, sooner or later they are snatched away.”

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Ernest Hemingway:

“I live in a vacuum that is as lonely as a radio tube when the batteries are dead, and there is not current to plug into.”

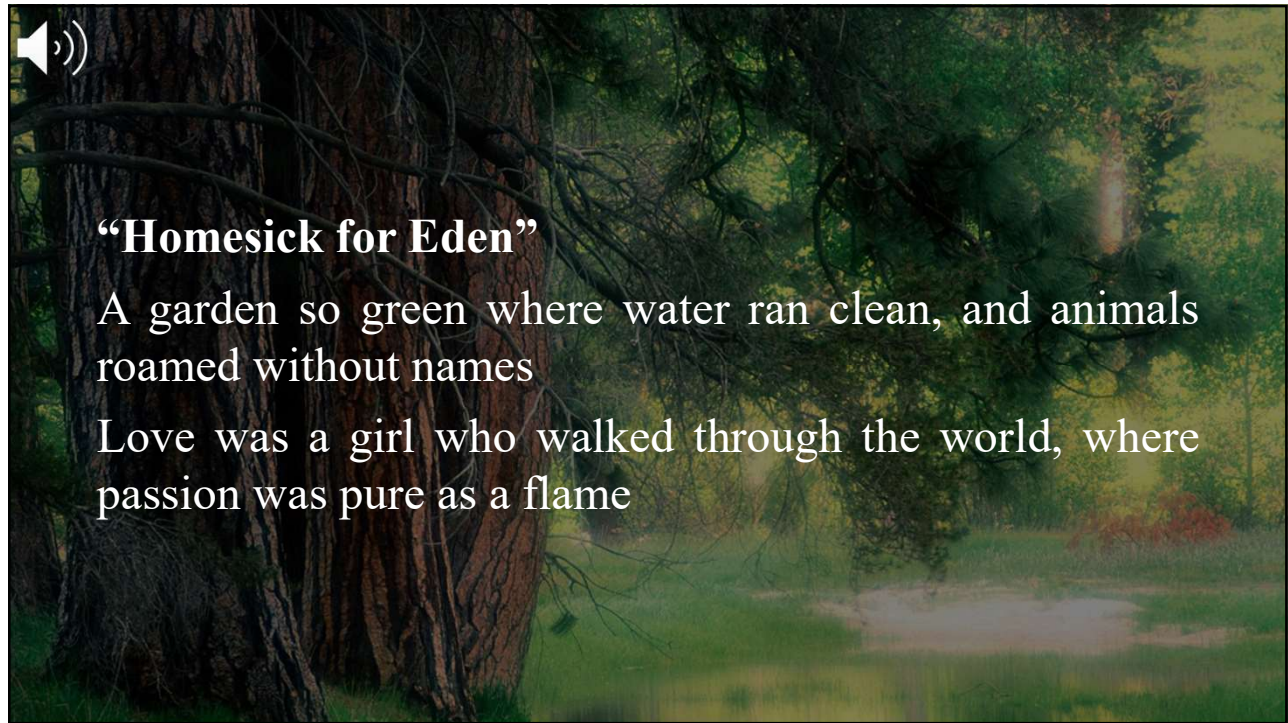
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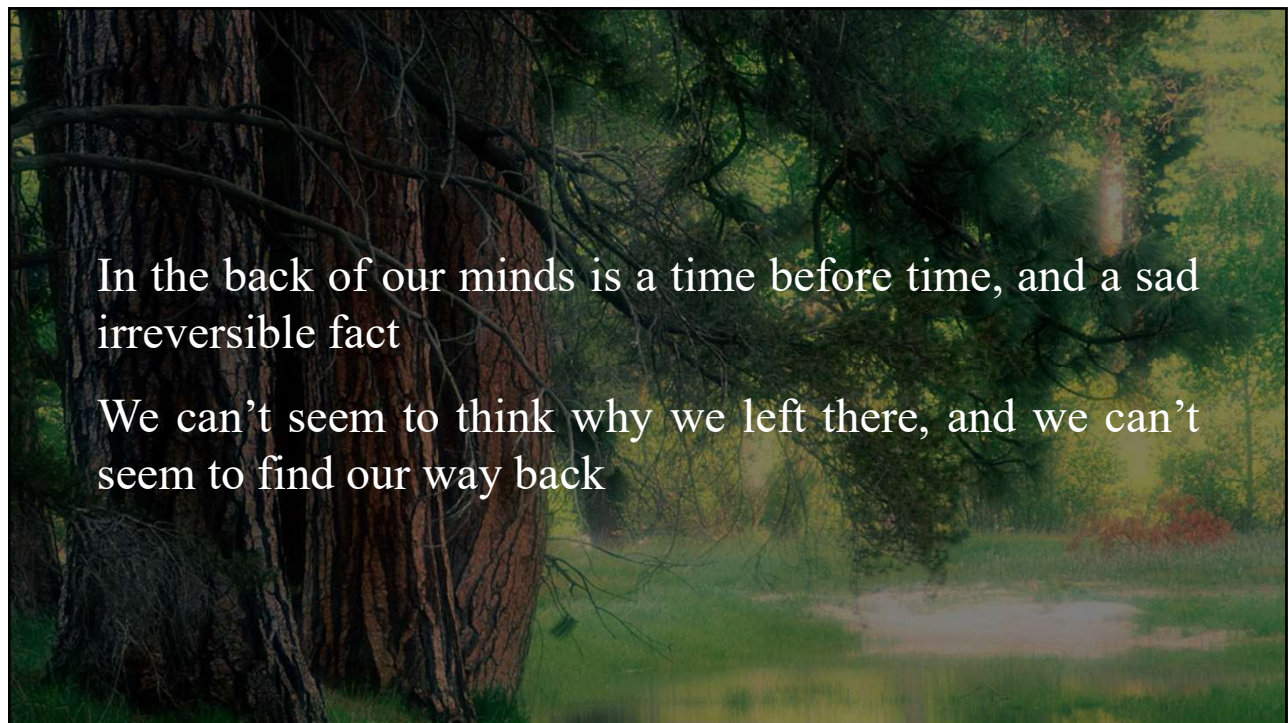
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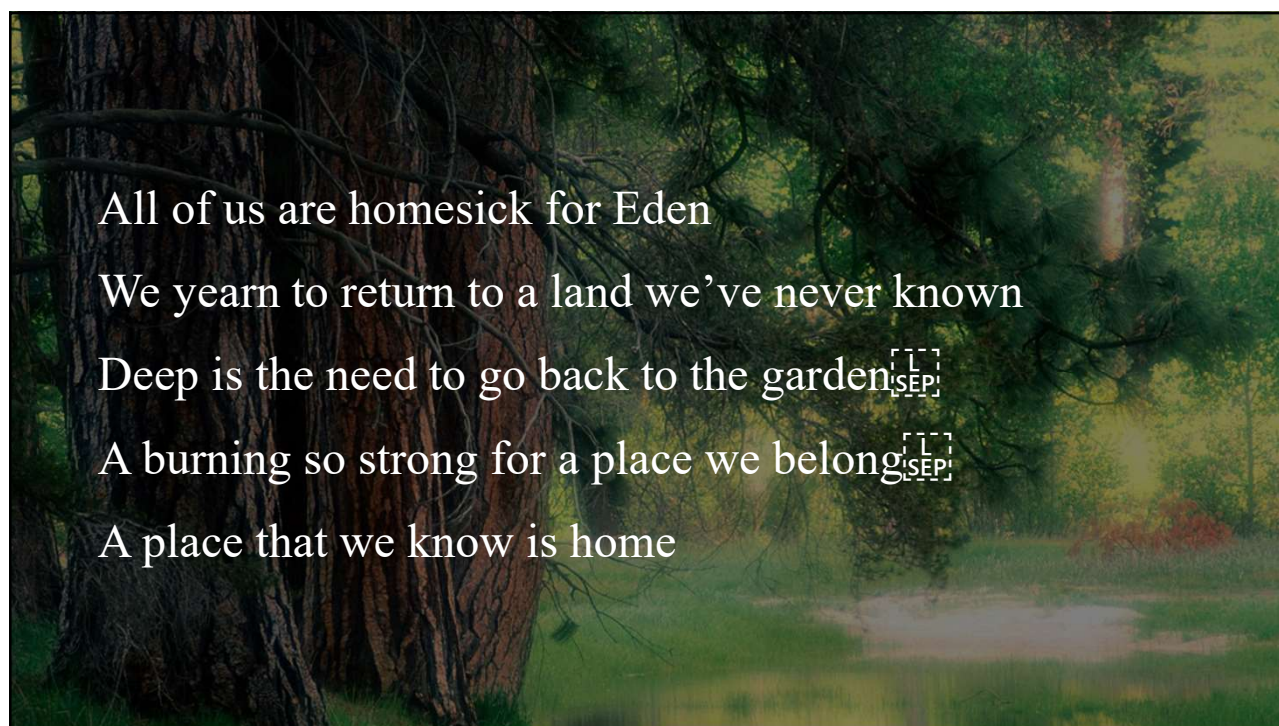
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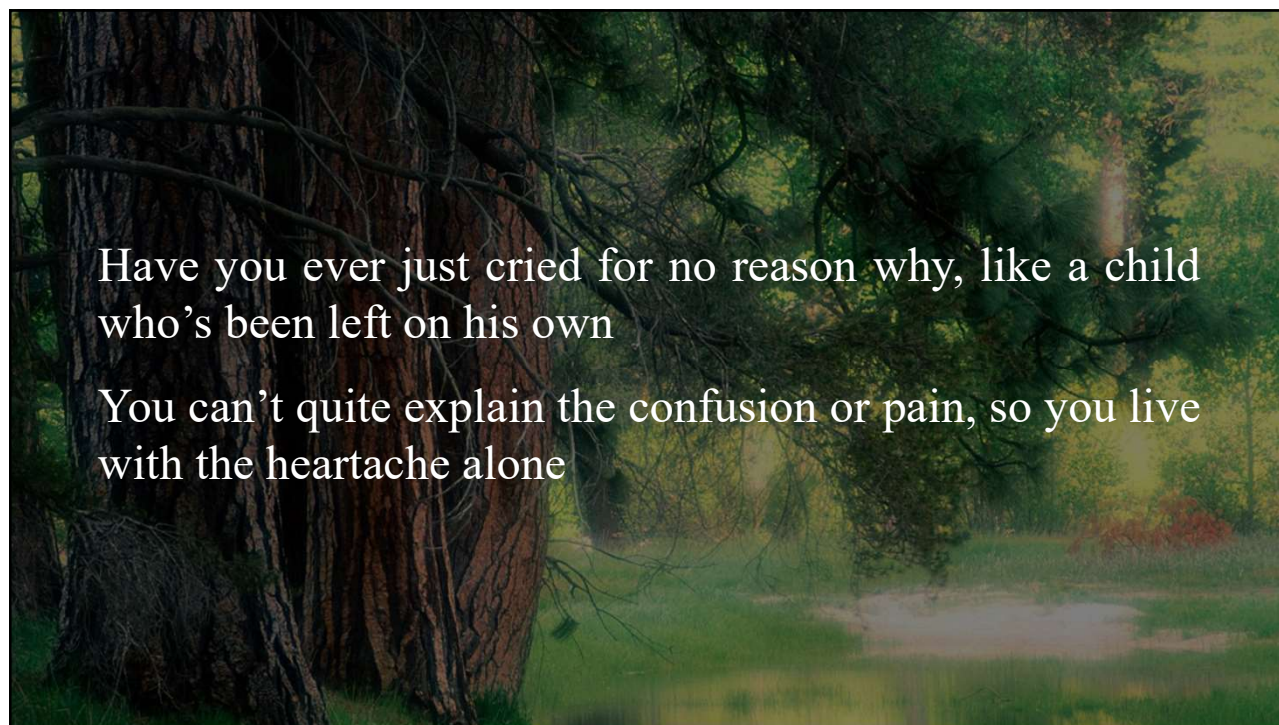


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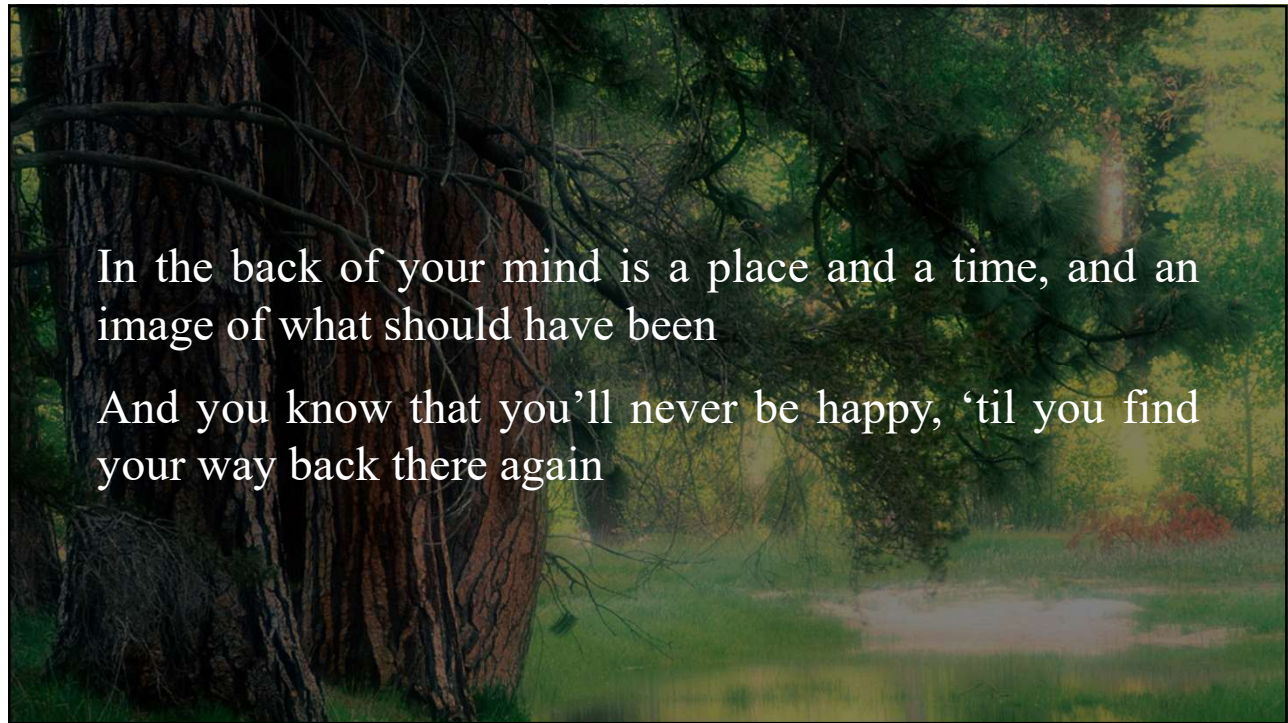
All of us are homesick for Eden
We yearn to return to a land we've never known
Deep is the need to go back to the garden^[SEP]
A burning so strong for a place we belong^[SEP]
A place that we know is home

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Have you ever just cried for no reason why, like a child
who's been left on his own
You can't quite explain the confusion or pain, so you live
with the heartache alone

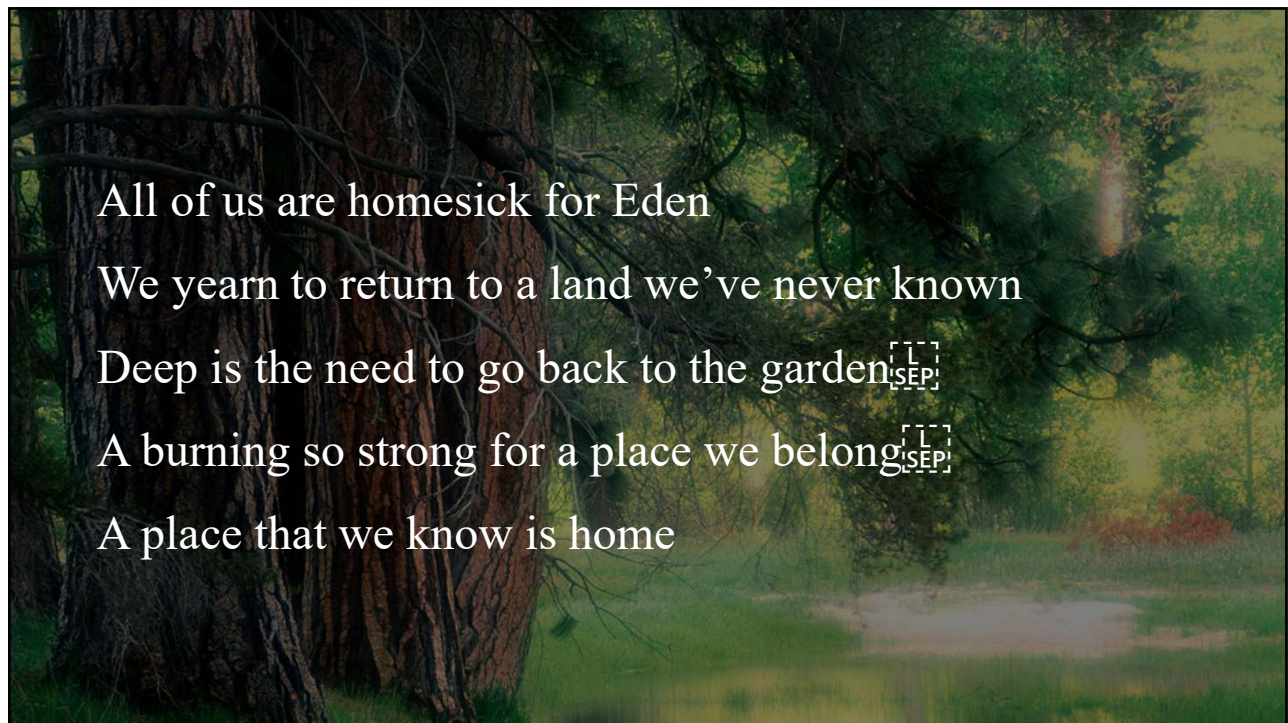
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In the back of your mind is a place and a time, and an
image of what should have been

And you know that you'll never be happy, 'til you find
your way back there again

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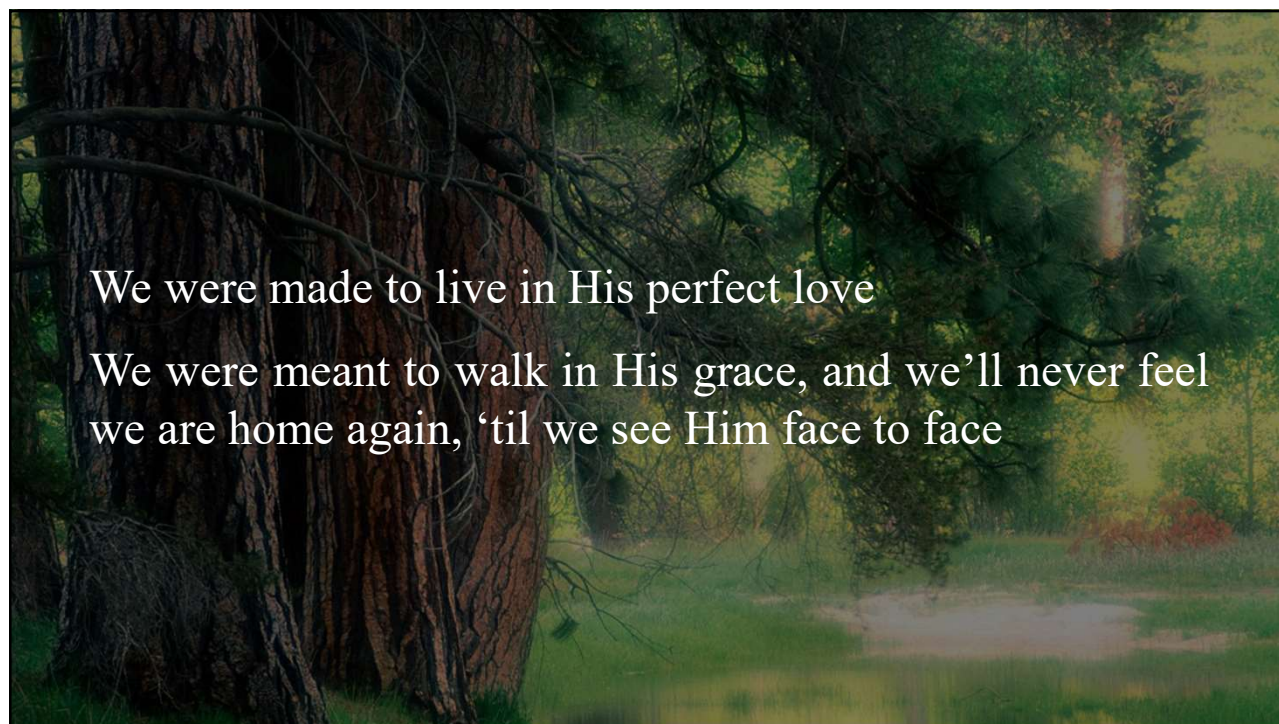
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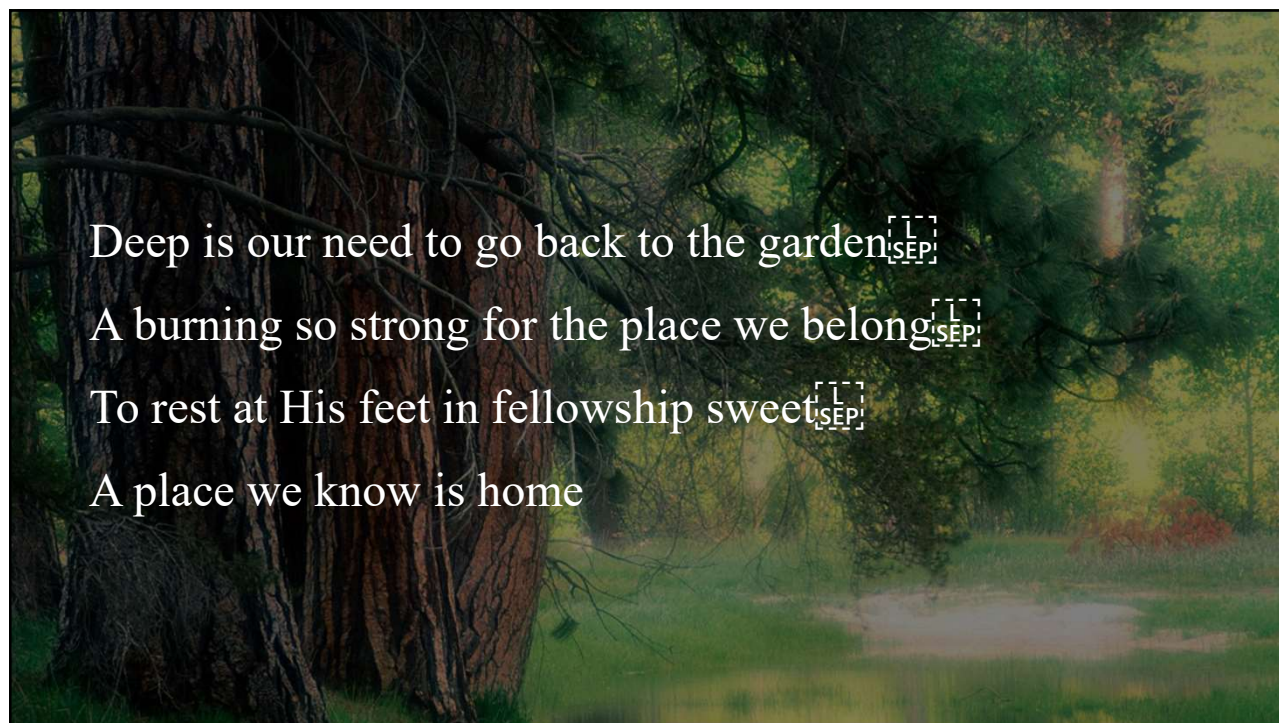
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We were made to live in His perfect love
We were meant to walk in His grace, and we'll never feel
we are home again, 'til we see Him face to face

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A burning so strong for the place we belong^[SEP]
To rest at His feet in fellowship sweet^[SEP]
A place we know is home

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