



The Creed: Part 9

*“We Look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.”*

Final statements...

Apostles' Creed:

“I believe in...the resurrection of *the body* and the life everlasting. Amen.”

Nicene Creed:

“We look for the resurrection of *the dead* and the life of the world to come. Amen.”



Gnosticism

Taught that the body, and all physical matter, was intrinsically evil and therefore irredeemable.

The resurrection of the body refutes that claim.

God made the human person, including the body, **very good**.



The Church Fathers

- ◆ St. Irenaeus, Tertullian, and St. Hippolytus (all c.200 AD) emphasize the resurrection of the flesh as a repudiation of gnosticism's view of creation.
- ◆ The Apostolic Tradition: (In the account of the baptismal rite) “Do you believe in the Holy Spirit and the holy church and the resurrection of the flesh?”

Paul in Athens

“God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent because he has established a day on which he will ‘judge the world with justice’ through a man he has appointed, and he has provided confirmation for all by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31)

Socrates and Plato

Divided the person into two parts:

the body and the eternal soul.

The soul is the true self. It always existed and will always exist.

The body is a “prison” from which the soul escapes at death. It cannot be eternal.

- Marthaler, p. 351

Aristotle

The soul is the “form” that animates the body, and while they can be distinguished from each other, they cannot exist apart. The death of the body means that the soul also ceases to exist. Only the suprapersonal intellect is immortal. - Marthaler, p.352

The early Church Fathers...

...were influenced by the duality of Platonic thinking, including the inner tension between body and soul. But, in keeping with biblical revelation, they emphasized that the body was intrinsic to the person and would also be redeemed in the resurrection.

St. Thomas Aquinas...

...embraced Aristotelian categories, using them to get beyond Platonic dualism. He was able to use those categories to show the immortality of the human soul, and ascribed the inner tensions between body and soul to human sin and not to their intrinsic incompatibility.

Old Testament Anthropology

Basar - the flesh

Nephesh - the living soul

Ruah - the spirit

Hebrew has no word for “body.”



Postexilic Literature

Daniel 12:1-3 (c. 160 BC)

“At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”



Postexilic Literature

Wisdom 3:1-3

“But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.”



Postexilic Literature

Wisdom 3:10-12

“But the wicked shall receive a punishment to match their thoughts, since they neglected justice and forsook the LORD. For he who despises wisdom and instruction is doomed. Vain is their hope, fruitless are their labors, and worthless are their works. Their wives are foolish and their children wicked; accursed is their brood.”



Postexilic Literature

2 Maccabees 7

The third son: "...you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever."

The fourth son: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again."



Postexilic Literature

2 Maccabees 12

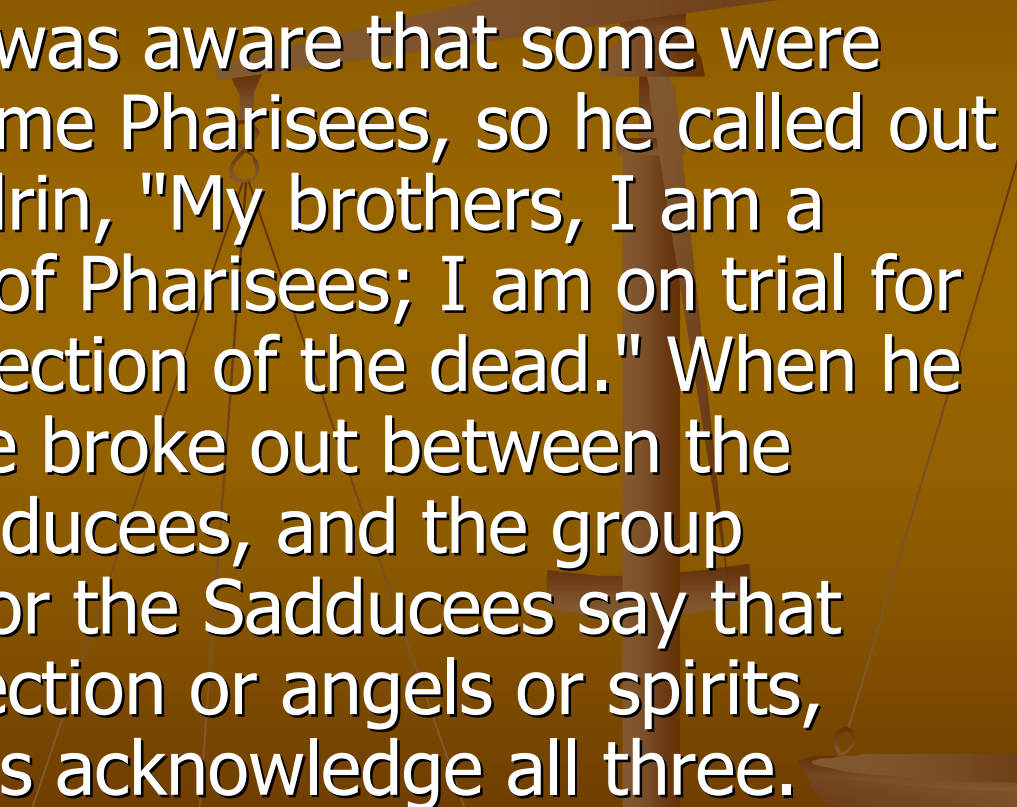
About the expiatory sacrifice: “In doing this [Judas] acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.”



New Testament Judaism

Acts 23:6-8

At Paul's trial: Paul was aware that some were Sadducees and some Pharisees, so he called out before the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of Pharisees; I am on trial for hope in the resurrection of the dead." When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the group became divided. for the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection or angels or spirits, while the Pharisees acknowledge all three.



Jesus and the Sadducees

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and put this question to him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, 'If someone's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no descendants. So the second married her and died, leaving no descendants, and the third likewise. And the seven left no descendants. Last of all the woman also died. At the resurrection (when they arise) whose wife will she be? For all seven had been married to her..."

Jesus and the Sadducees

...Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God? When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, 'I am the God of Abraham, (the) God of Isaac, and (the) God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled."

- Mark 12:18-27

Paul on the Resurrection

Sarx = Flesh

Soma = Body

In many Pauline texts, *soma* and *sarx* seem to be interchangeable.



Paul on the Resurrection

Sarx = Flesh

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The Greek *has* a body;
the Jew *is* his or her
soma. Soma represents
the *whole person*.

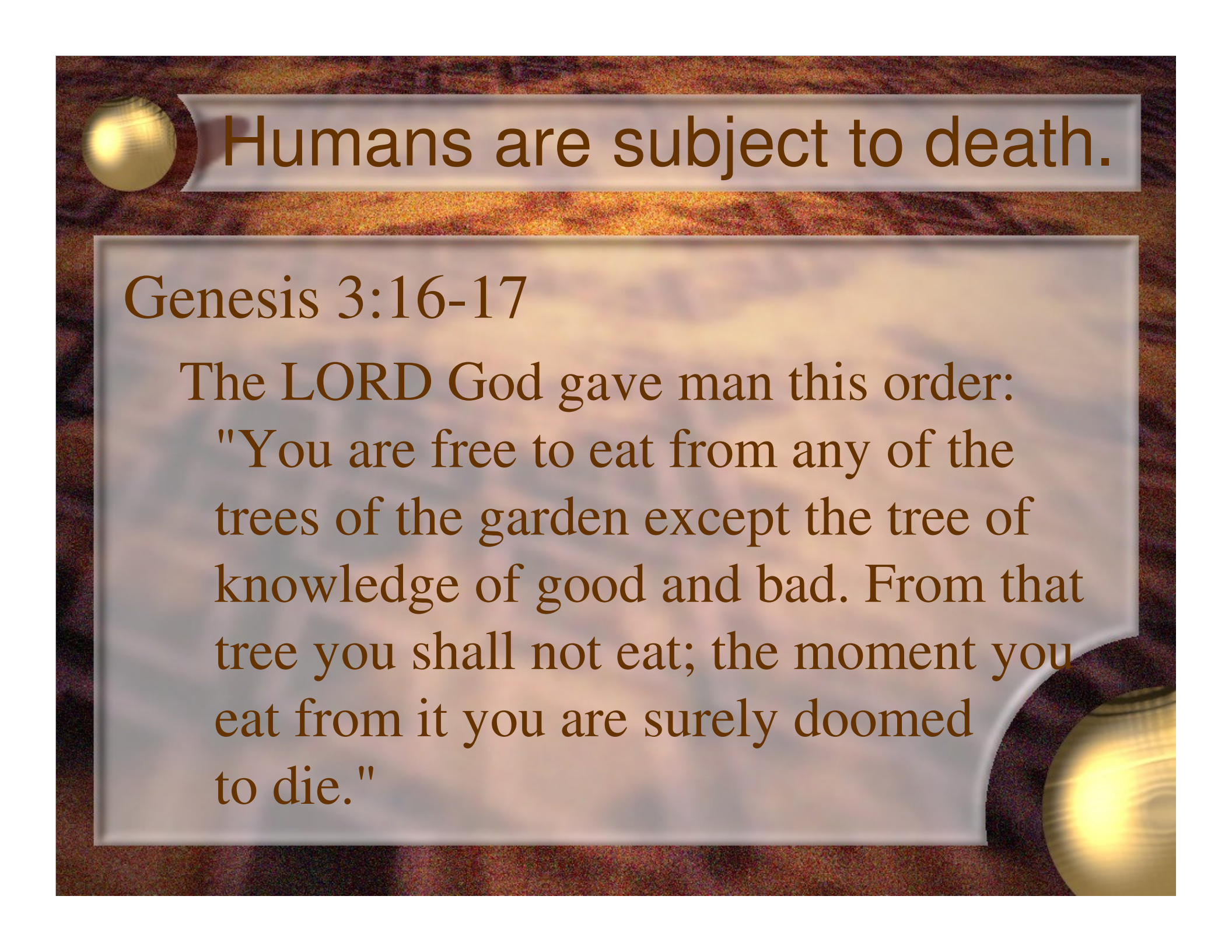


Paul on the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:12-58

Paul explains the necessity of the doctrine of the resurrection and the nature of the resurrected body.





Humans are subject to death.

Genesis 3:16-17

The LORD God gave man this order:
"You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and bad. From that tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die."



Hebrews 9:27

Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

The Catechism

The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul—a destiny which can be different for some and for others. (#1020-22)

The Catechism

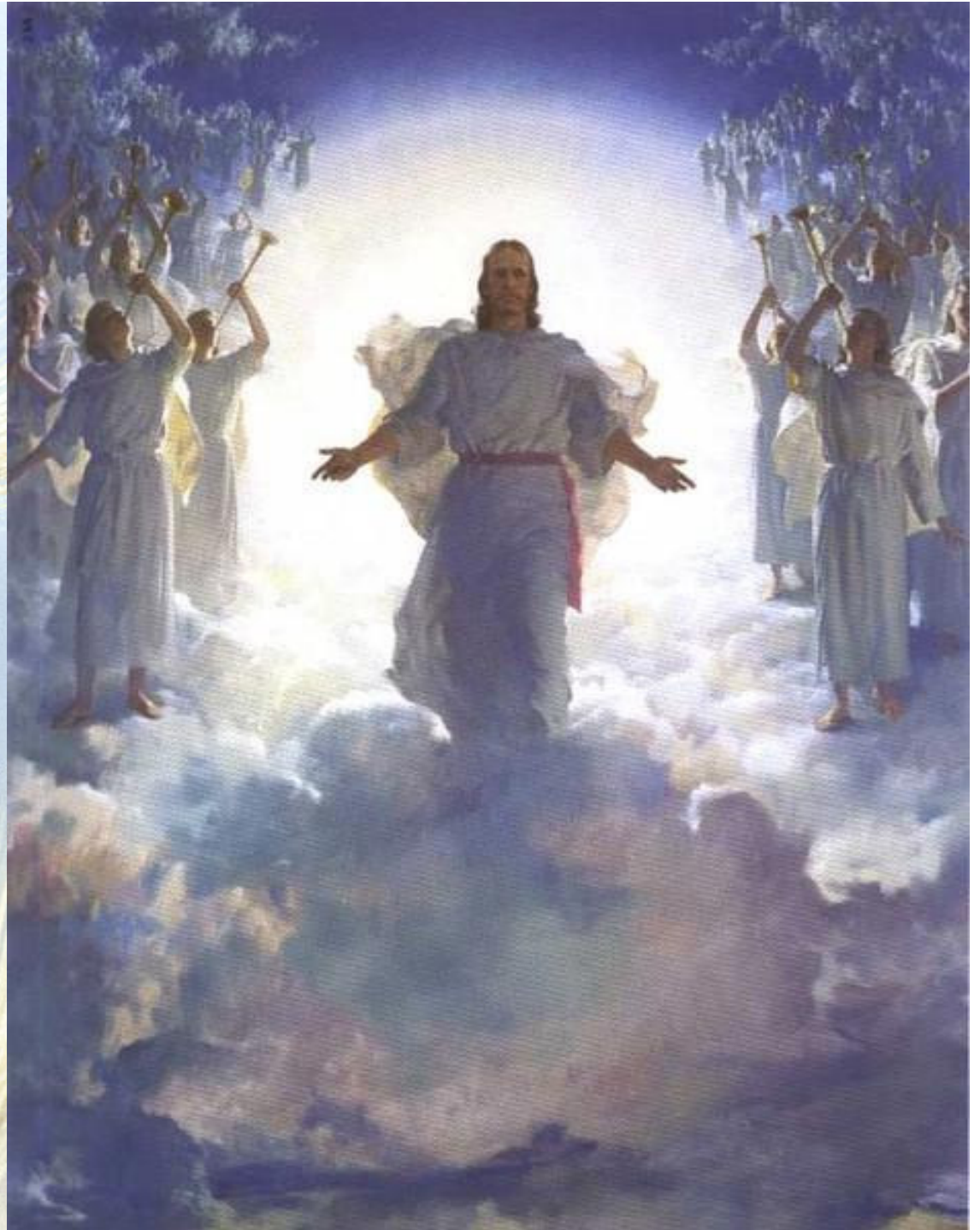
The resurrection of all the dead, 'of both the just and the unjust,' will precede the Last Judgment. This will be 'the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear (the Son of man's) voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. (#1038)

Jesus will return in Glory

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Matt 25:31)

**He will come
at a time
unknown**

**“But of that day
and hour no one
knows, neither
the angels of
heaven, nor the
Son, but the
Father alone.”
(Matthew 24:36)**



Heaven is our home.

*“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”
(Philippians 3:20)*

“In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (John 14:2-3)

Fathomless Happiness

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (Romans 8:18)

But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him," this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

(1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

What is Hell?

- A state of eternal separation from God.
- Being turned away from God by one's own free and deliberate option.

*A place of
darkness
and
silence*

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. (Matthew 5:29-30)

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Purgatory

Means “purification” or
“cleansing”

It is a part of heaven

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Purpose of Purgatory:

A place of preparation
for entrance into heaven.



Matthew 5:25-26

Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him.

Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

Matthew 18:21-35

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire (itself) will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire.