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The Resurrection Body

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- 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—
- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

- 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”
- 55 “O Death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?”
- 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
- 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.



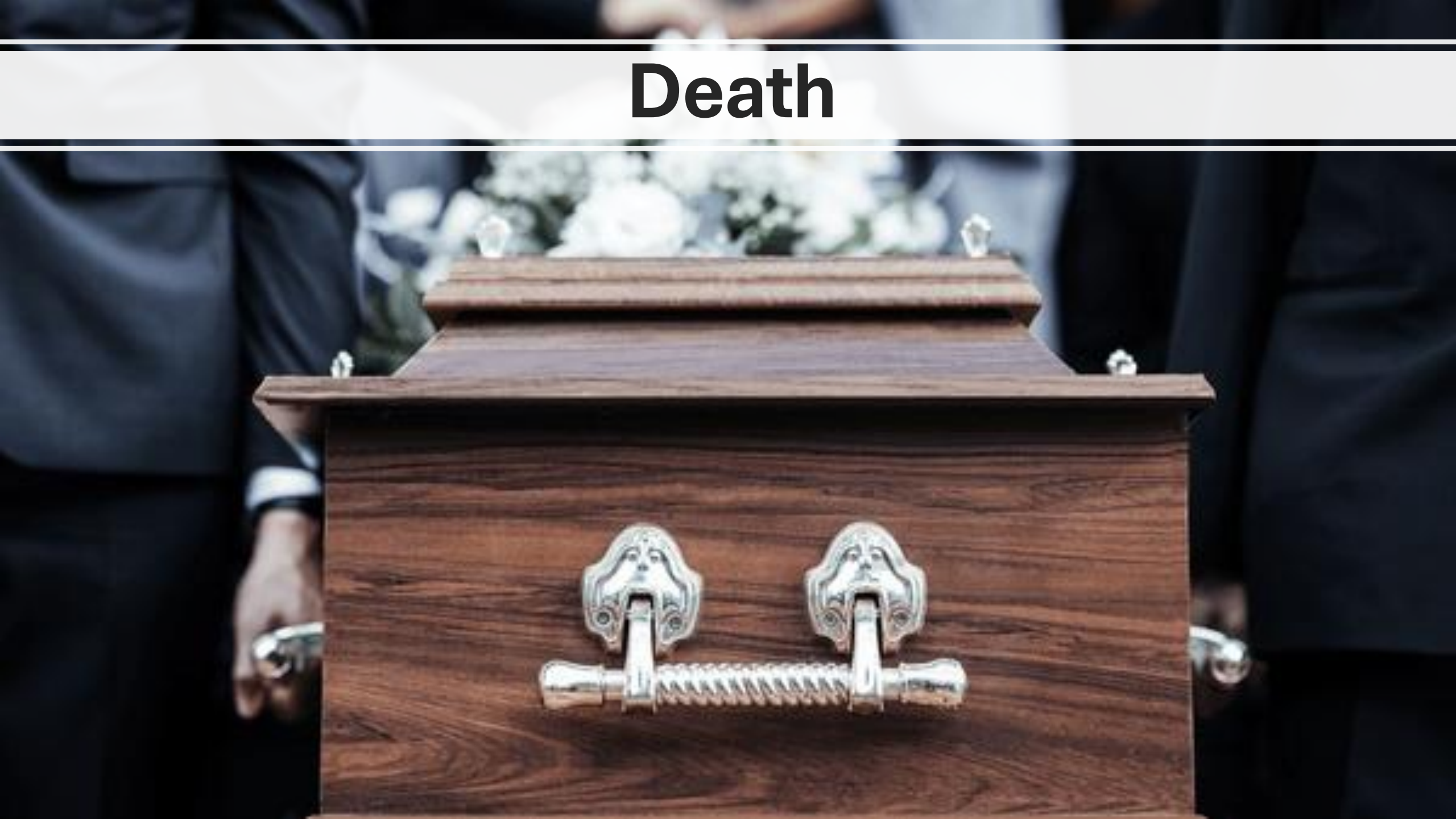
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PRAY
FOR ME**



In Loving Memory Of ...



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How do
Christians
remain joyful in
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How do we handle death in our lives?



1. Denial of Death

Denial of Death

- Don't talk to me about death
- I'll think about it when it comes
- I'll focus on living, not dying
- Whatever happens when I die happens









Driving in a car without windows

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Living without knowing what comes
after death

“

Now I am about to take my
last voyage, a great leap in
the dark.

THOMAS HOBBES



What men fear is not that death
is annihilation but that it is not.

Epicurus

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1. Denial of Death
2. Death is "Natural"




Death is "natural"

- "Death is just a natural part of life."
- "Death is nothing to be feared."
- "Death is just peaceful cessation."
- "Death is just a dreamless sleep."
- "Death is just the drop of water going back into the shining sea."
- "There is nothing to be afraid."
- "He/She looks like he/she is sleeping."



Did the Lord see
death as natural?



John 11:35
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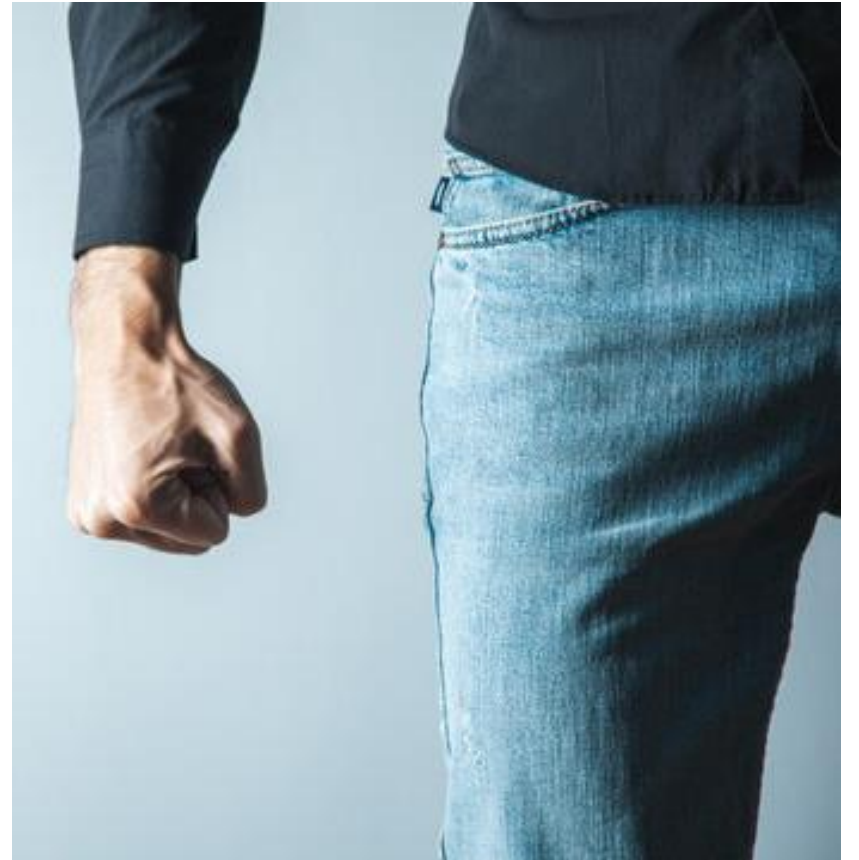
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 - The answer: Jesus would only have been angry at death **if death is an intruder**
 - Death is not the original design




Death is not the original design

- We were not meant to die
- We were meant to last



Death is NOT natural





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A Life of Hope

- The Christian life
- Hope
 - A joyful conviction on the basis of compelling evidence
- 1 Cor. 15:19



Basis of our Hope – the Defeat of Death

- 1 Cor. 15:54 - "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up **in victory.**"
- 1 Cor. 15:26 - "The last **enemy** that shall be destroyed is **death.**"



Death is our Enemy

- People are taught to either deny or befriend death
- If you deny it, if you befriend it, you'll never get the kind of fearlessness that Paul's talking about
- Christianity says death is not something to be denied and it's not something to be befriended
- Death is an enemy



Paul taunts Death

- Paul shows it no respect at all
- If you're a Christian with the hope that Christ can give you, you will show death no respect
- There's a buoyancy and unsinkableness that Christians have
- It's not certainly not just something to be denied or a friend
- But it is a defeated enemy

Death is an enemy

A defeated enemy

- Not a friend
- Do we deny or befriend death?



But how? Has death truly been defeated?

- Death is STILL our enemy
- Even for Christians
 - It breaks relationships
 - It destroys friendships
 - It disrupts families
 - It causes great grief in the loss of those dear to us



Heaven?

- We might be tempted to think that what it means to have Christian hope is that when we die we will just go along in some kind of vague spiritual continuance in the presence of God



Only spiritual?

- But the Bible says that God invented the spiritual and the physical
- They have **both** been crushed under the weight of sin
- They are **both** going to be redeemed
- God does not consider the spiritual more important than the physical



Redemption of both body **and** soul

- We were invented in **body and soul** by God
- And we are going to be redeemed in **body and soul** by God!



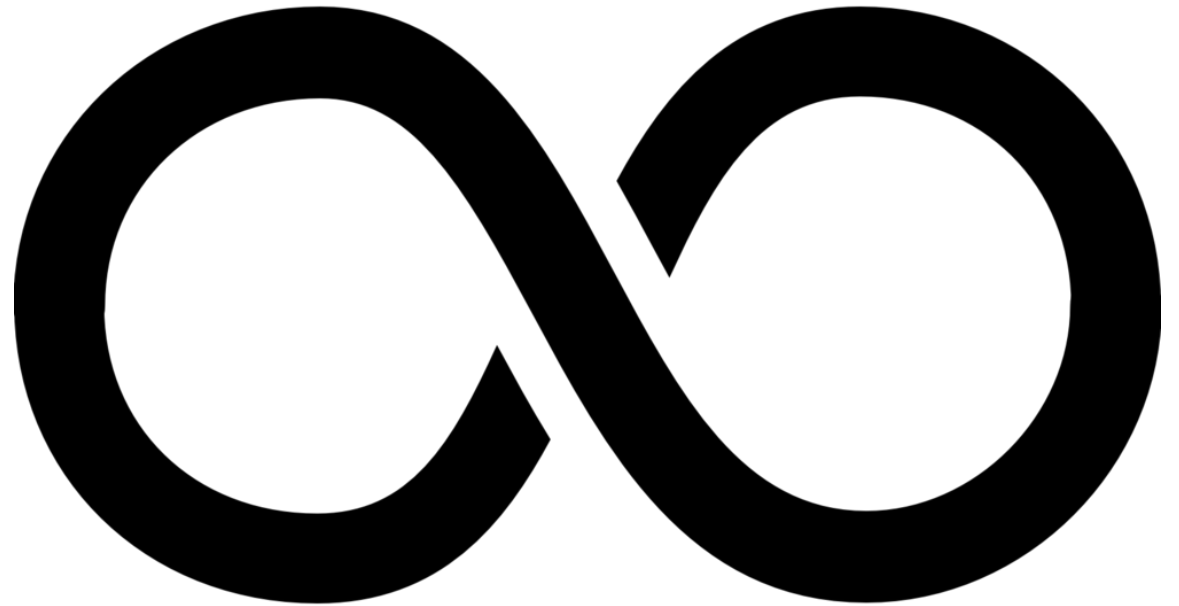
Did God give a half-baked solution?

- Our misery today
 - Not just miserable because of our soul
 - Yes, our soul is full of fear, anger, and discouragement
 - But our body is also full of brokenness and misery
 - Our body is dying
 - Our body was not meant to be diseased
 - It was not meant to be frail
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- Everybody, every human being, was not meant to be like that
 - Imagine that Jesus Christ, that God would have sent his Son into the world to address the misery and the pain of your life and my life and only address half of it.



A Complete Redemption

- He does not just address half of it
- He addresses the totality of it
- When the perishable should put on the imperishable and when the mortal will put on immortality



How does it happen?



Questions about Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:35 - "But some man will say, **How are the dead raised up?** and **with what body do they come?**"



Q1 – How are the dead raised?



Q2 – With what body do they come?

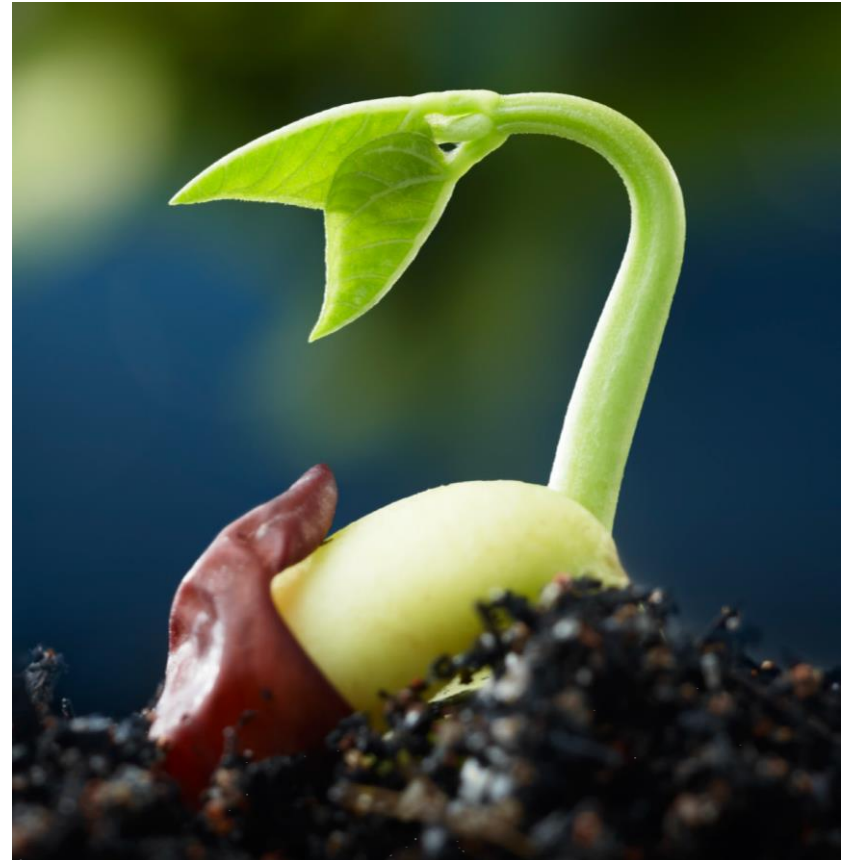


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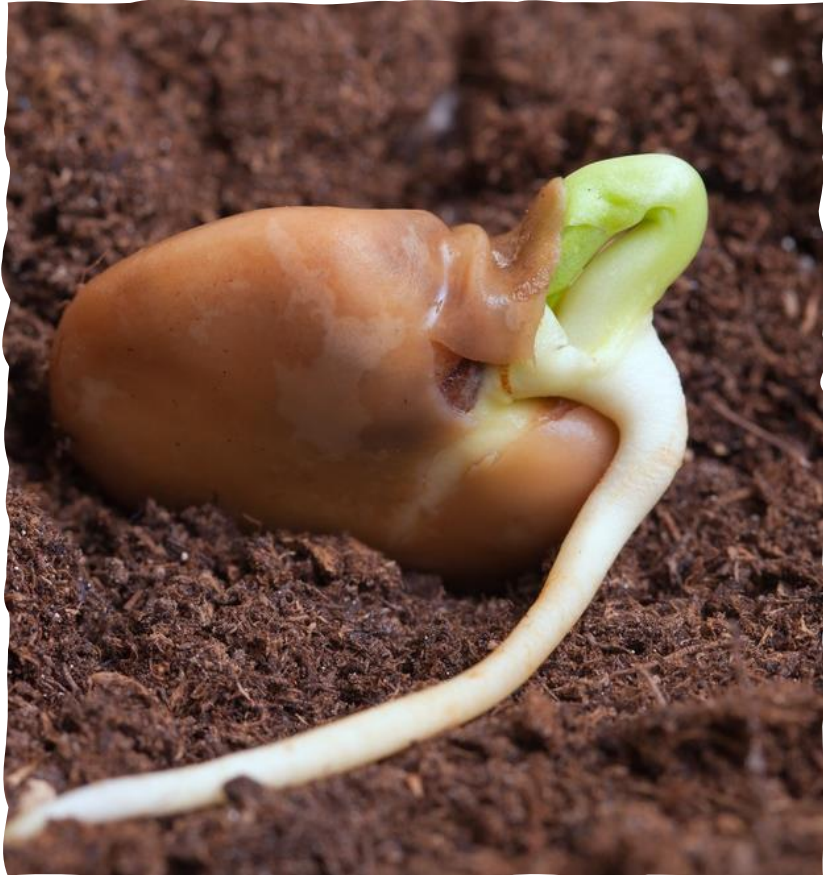
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- Resurrection is similar to planting a seed in 3 ways
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 2. **Transformation:** The original and final forms are different
 3. **Continuity:** Yet the two forms have a continuity



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1. Dissolution: The original form is dissolved



- The first similarity is of dissolution / dying
- That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies
- Not until the seed dies, does the plant live
- Death brings out the power that is in the seed

1. Dissolution: The original form is dissolved



- Romans 8:11
- "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you."
- If you have believed in Him, the Spirit of Christ is not here now only, He will also eventually give you a **completely glorious and perfect body**

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- Applying the same figure, the Lord Jesus said in John 12:24
 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."
- Before Christ could bear the fruit of salvation for us, He had to die
 - Likewise, before we can participate in the fruit of His resurrection, or bear fruit in His service, we too must die

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The seed

"What you sow"



The plant

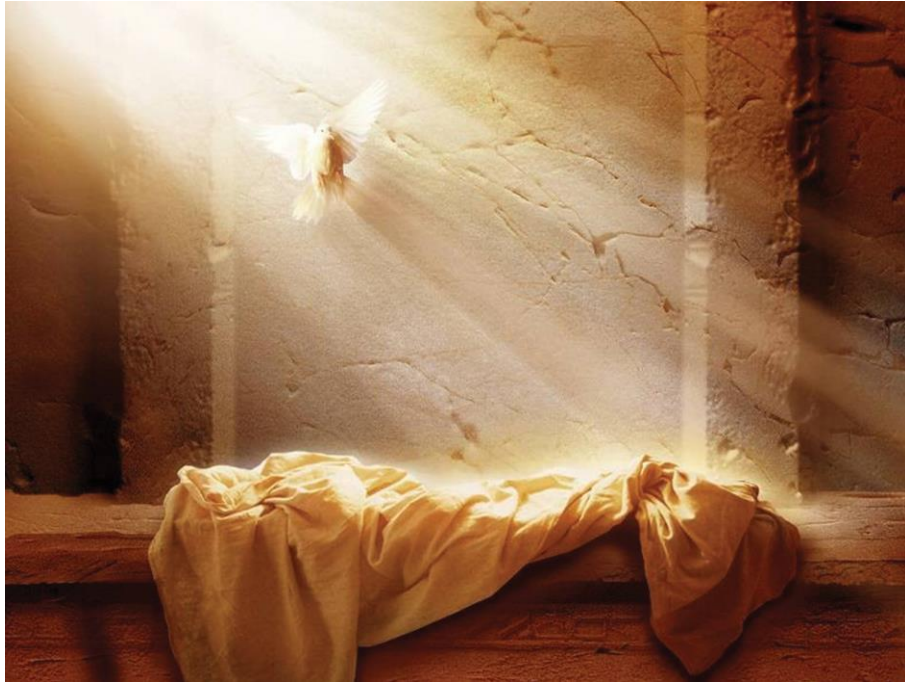
"That body that shall be"

- The seed looks nothing like the mature plant!



2. Transformation: The original and final forms are different

- When the Lord Jesus was raised from the dead
 - His glorified body was radically different from what was placed in the grave
 - No longer limited by time, space, and material substance
 - During His appearances, the Lord Jesus went from one place to another without traveling in any physical way
 - He appeared and disappeared at will, and entered rooms without opening the door (Luke 24:15, 31, 36; John 20:19)
- In His earthly body, He had done none of those things



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- Resurrection changed the Lord's body in marvelous and radical ways
- At His return, all resurrection bodies will be changed marvelously and radically too

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3. Continuity: Yet the two forms have a continuity



- 1 Cor. 15:38b - "...to each seed its own body."
- The seed changes radically but it continues as the same life form

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- After the Lord Jesus was raised, He was recognizable when He revealed Himself
- He was in His resurrected body – but it was still His body!

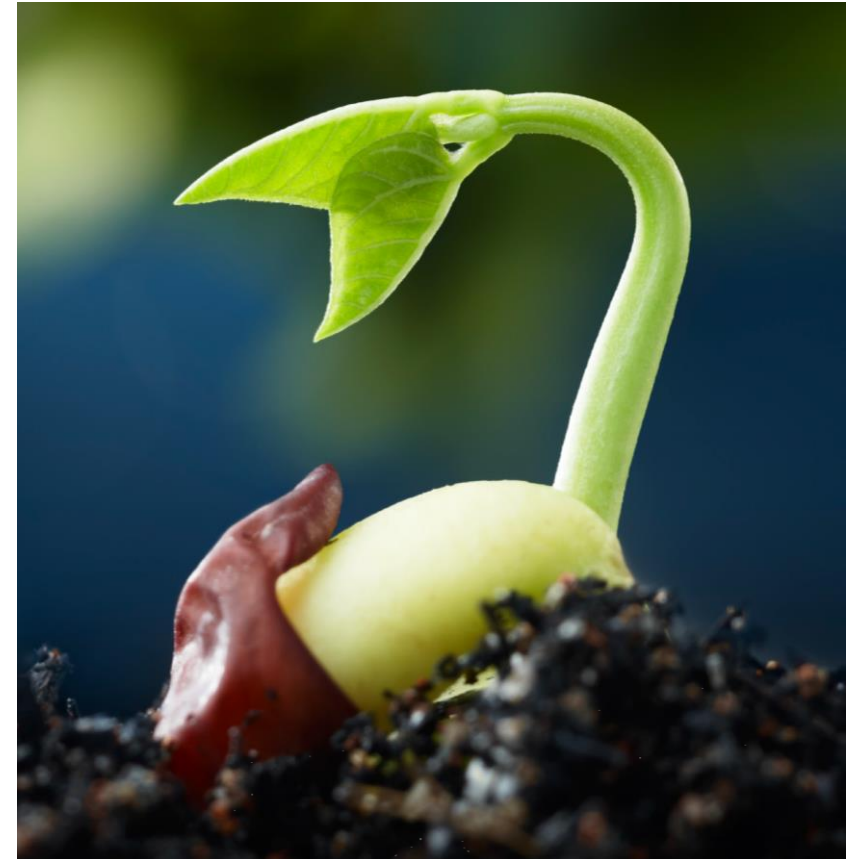
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- In a similar way, our resurrected bodies as believers will have a continuity with the bodies we have now
- You will still be you!

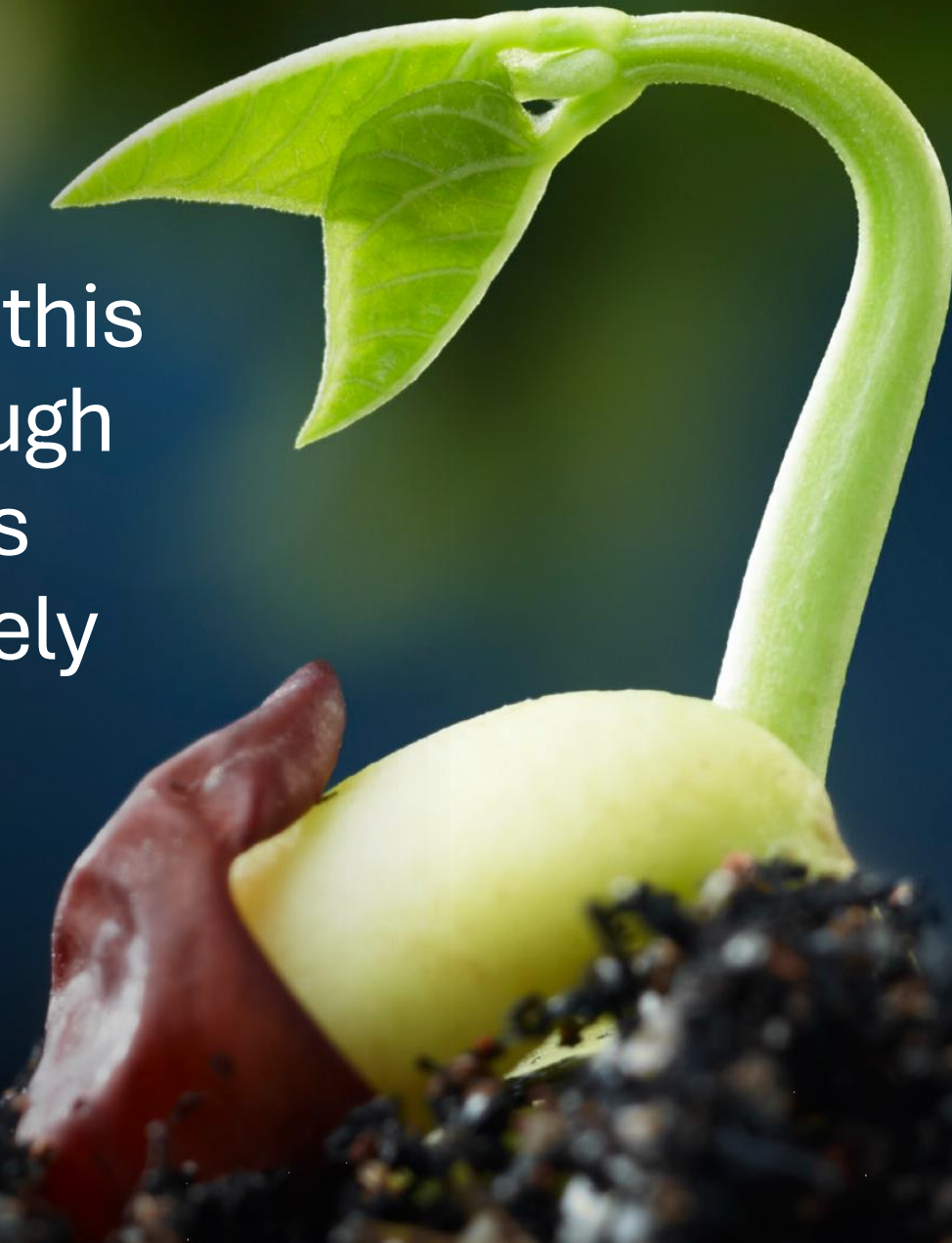


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If God has worked this
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The Form of Resurrection Bodies (v. 39-42a)



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- To illustrate the fact that the glory of the resurrection body is different from the glory of our present bodies, Paul points out that all flesh is not the same kind of flesh

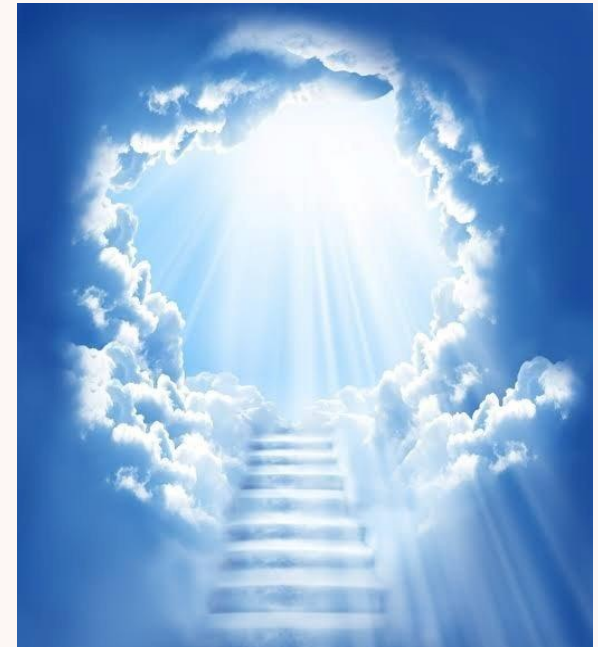
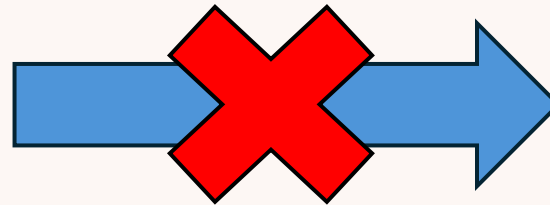


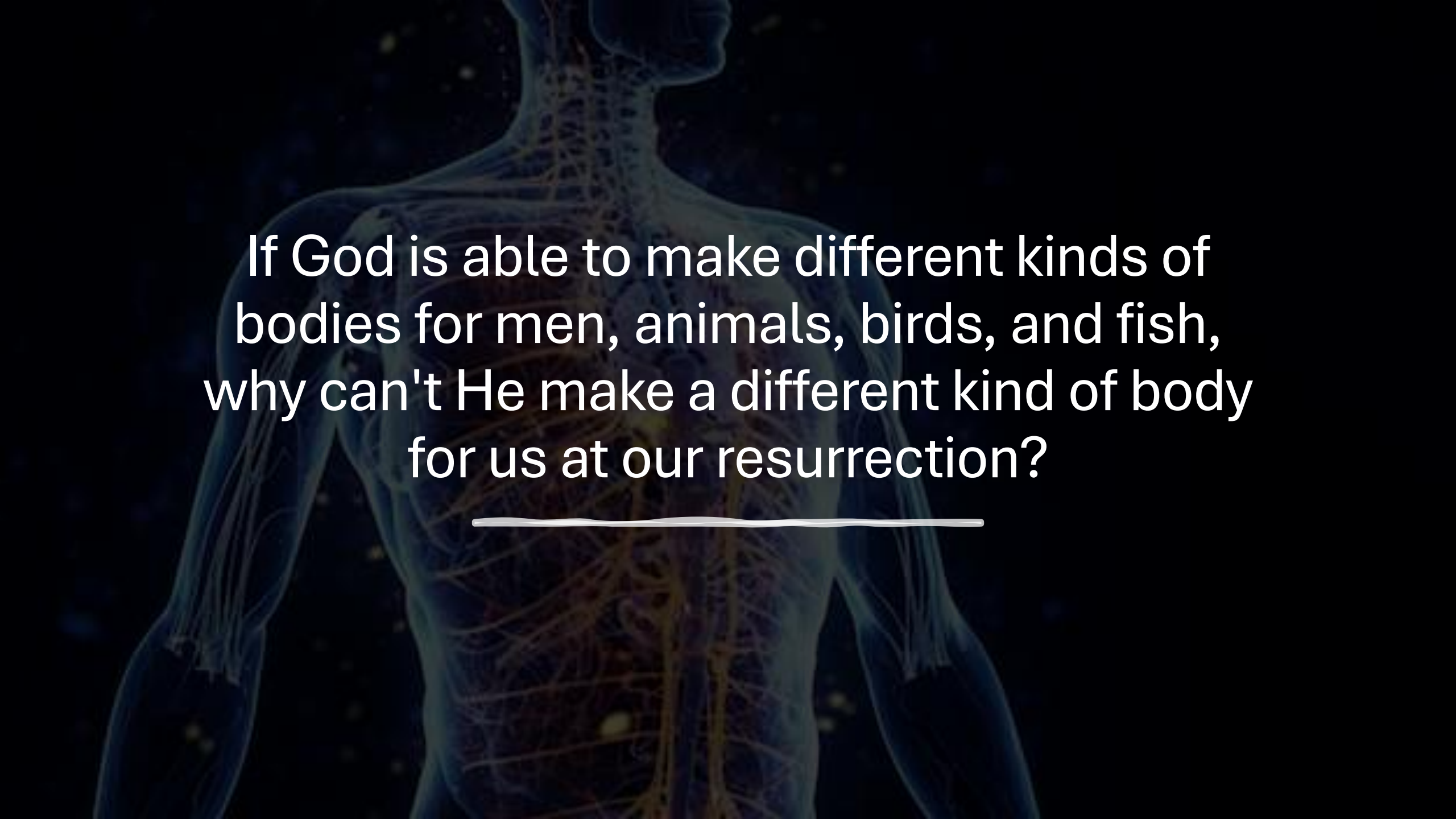
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Without a new body, we are out of our element

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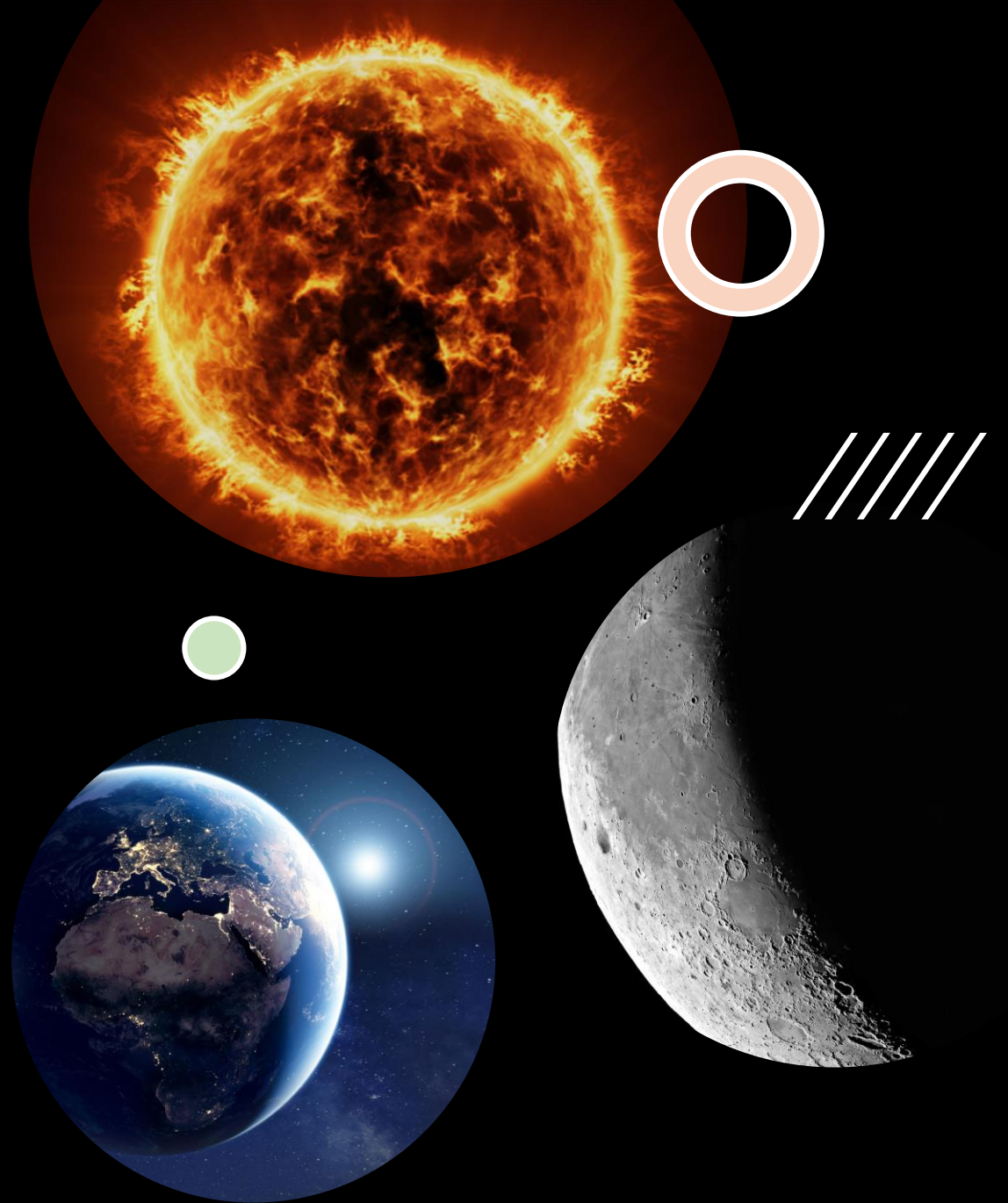


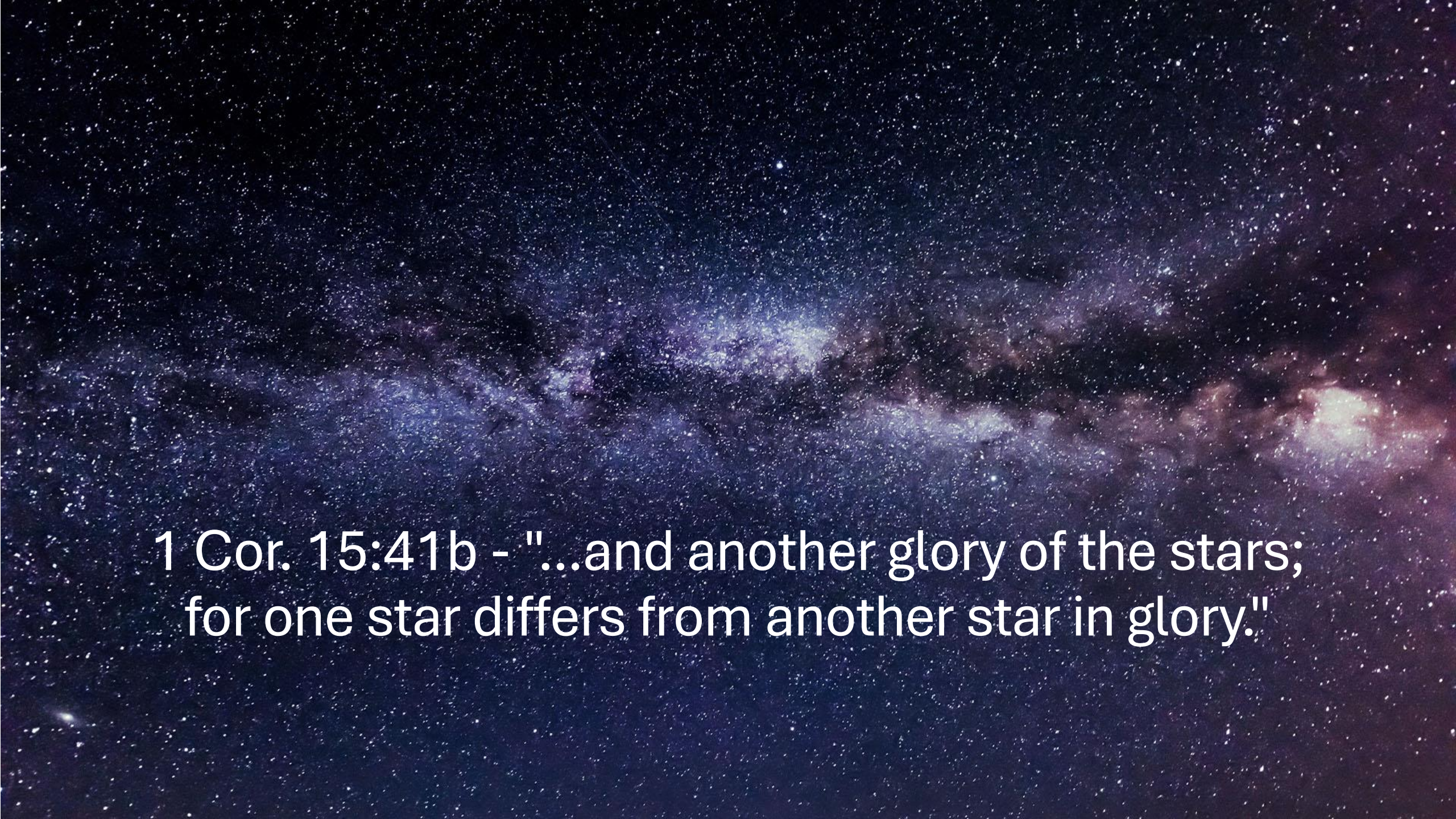
If God is able to make different kinds of bodies for men, animals, birds, and fish, why can't He make a different kind of body for us at our resurrection?

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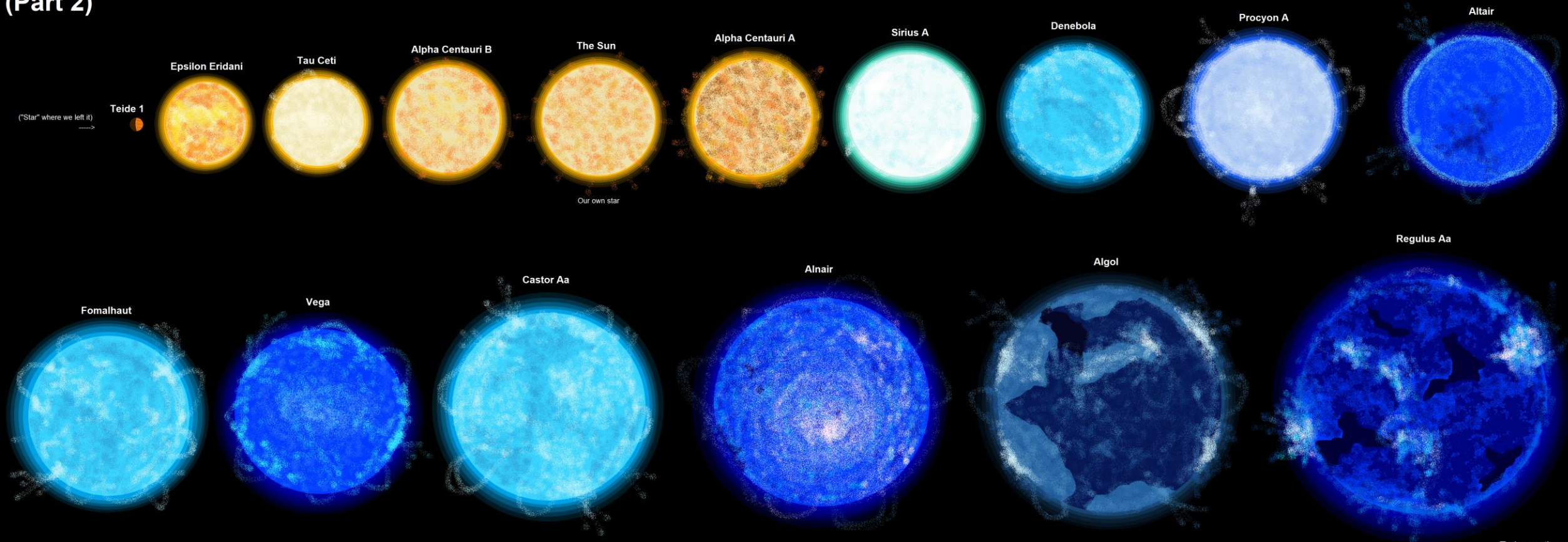
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STAR SIZE COMPARISON (Part 2)

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To be continued

One star differs from another star?

- As unique as every star is,
we will retain our own
uniqueness
- We will keep our personal
existence
- We will keep our
individuality!



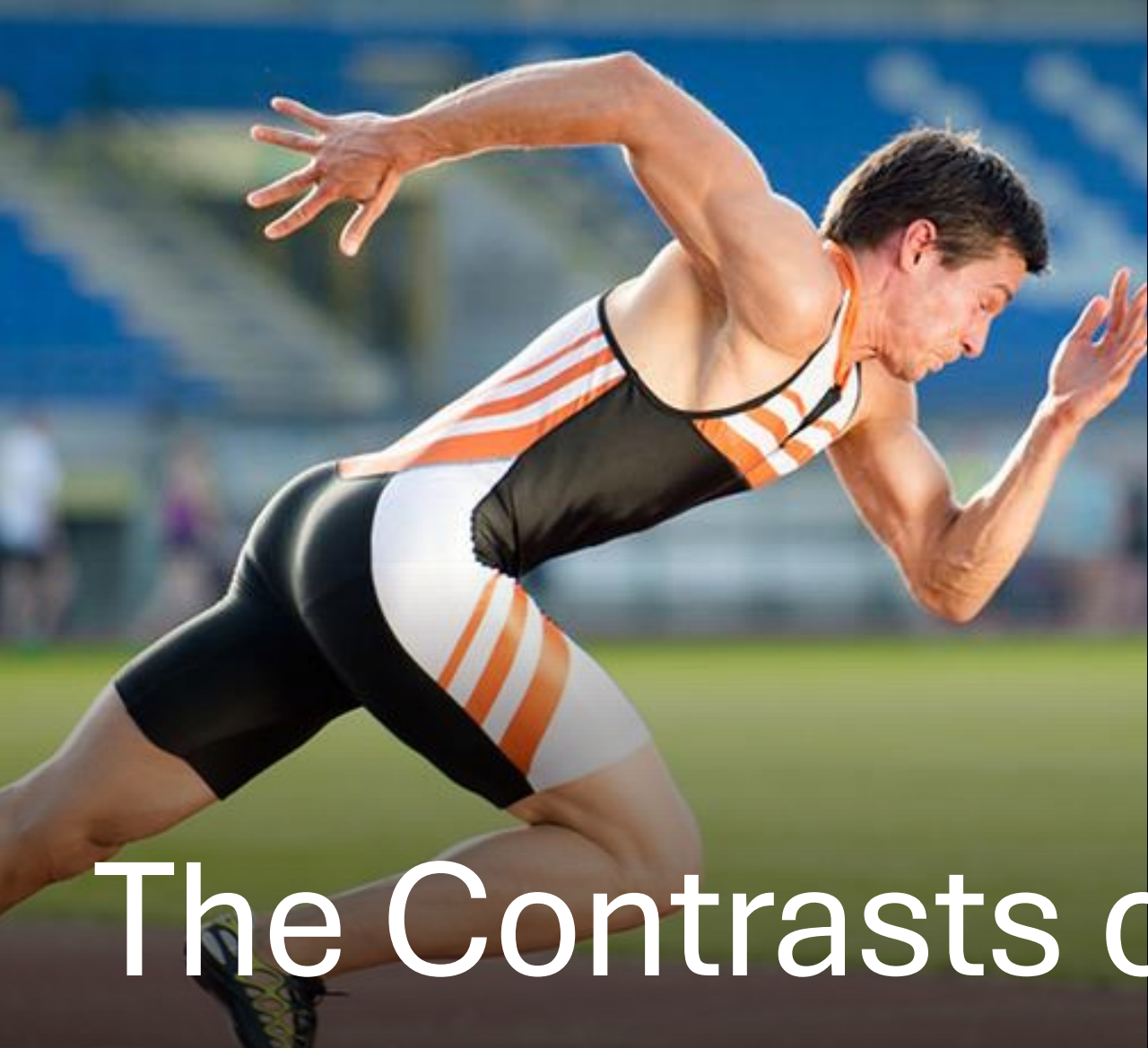


Case Study: Mount of Transfiguration

- Moses and Elijah appeared on the Mount
- They were as distinctly individual as they had been while living here on earth
- God is, not was,
 - the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - the God of the living, not of the dead
 - (Matt. 22:32)
- They are not merely alive in heaven, but alive as the same persons they were on earth

The Glory of our Resurrection Body will be different
from the Glory of our Present Body!






The Contrasts of Resurrection

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Perishable vs Imperishable

- Durability
- Subject to deterioration and eventual death
- Even in the healthy infant the process of aging and deterioration has begun
- Ecc. 3:20 - "All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again."



**For He knows
our frame;
He remembers
that we are dust.**

(Psalm 103:14)

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News

UK's King Charles diagnosed with cancer: Buckingham Palace

The type of cancer has not been revealed, but the king has started 'regular treatments', Buckingham Palace says.



Britain's King Charles and Queen Camilla leave Buckingham Palace for the opening of Parliament ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, in London [File: Peter Nicholls/Reuters]

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Cryogenics



Perishable vs Imperishable

- Resurrection body – raised an imperishable body
- 1 Peter 1:3-4
- Our bodies will know no sickness, decay, deterioration, or death
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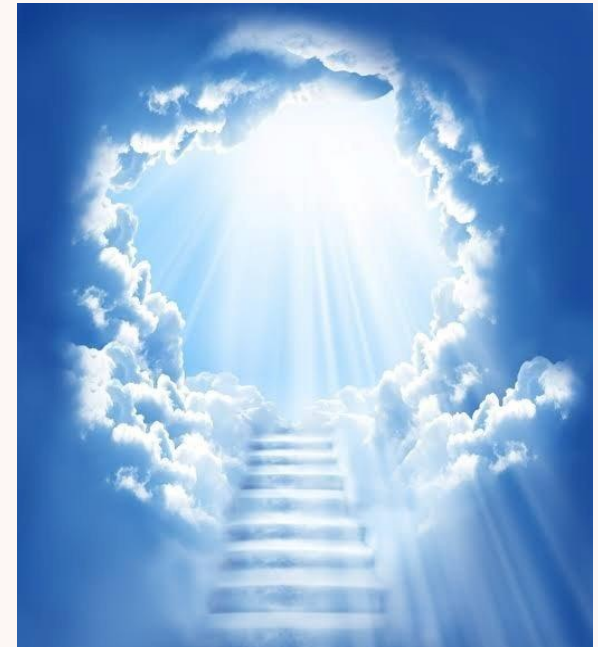
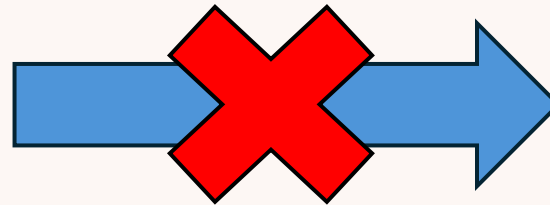






Without an immortal body, how can we inherit the incorruptible?

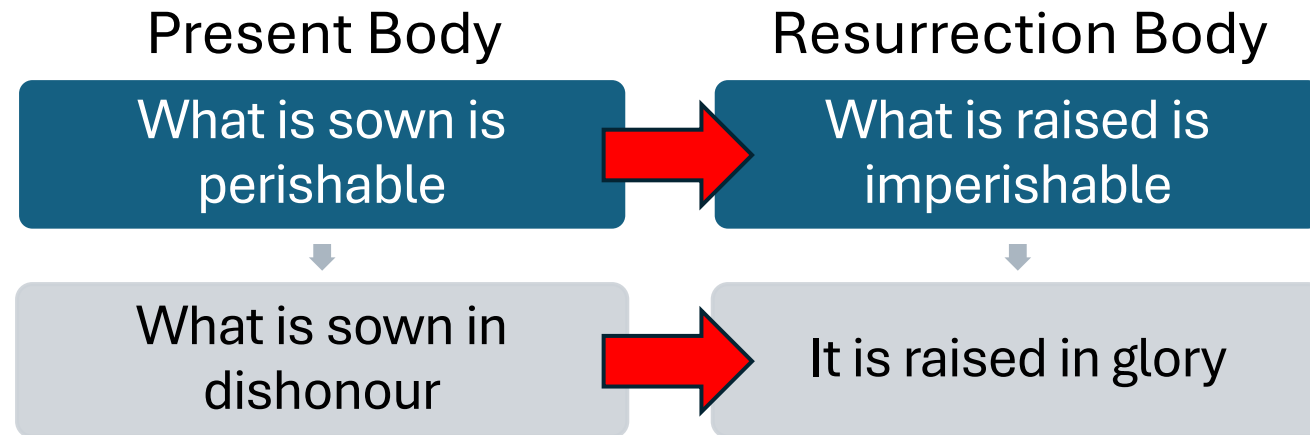
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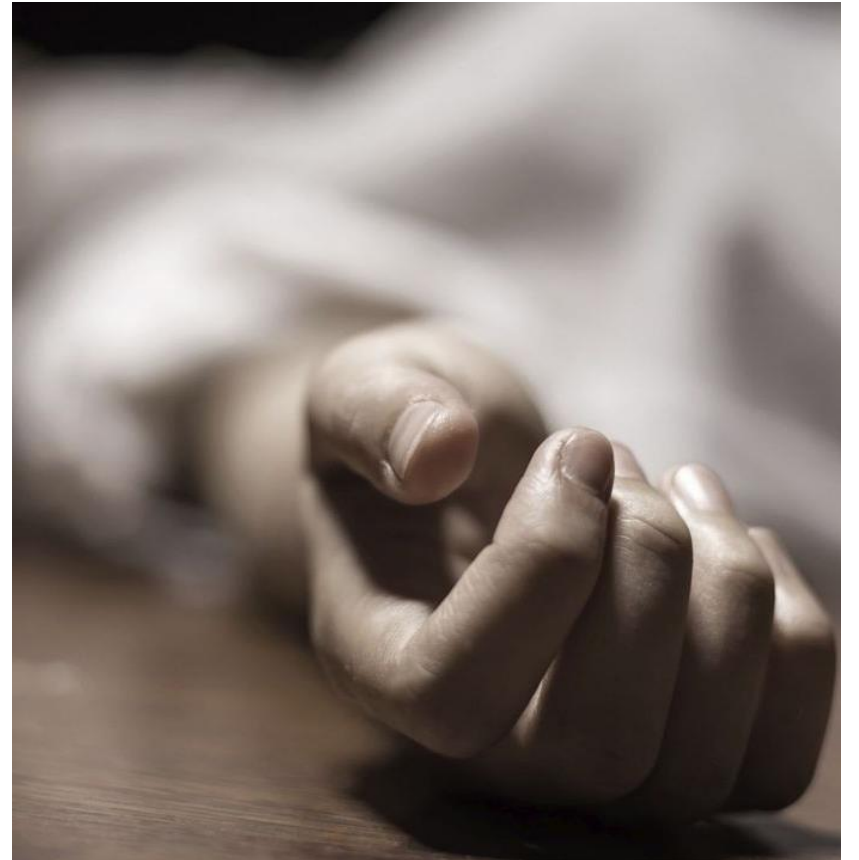


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Dishonour vs Glory

- Value and Potential
- Through sin, we dishonour God by misusing and abusing the bodies given
- Even the most faithful believer dies with his/her body in a state of dishonour, a state of imperfection, and incompleteness



Dishonour vs Glory

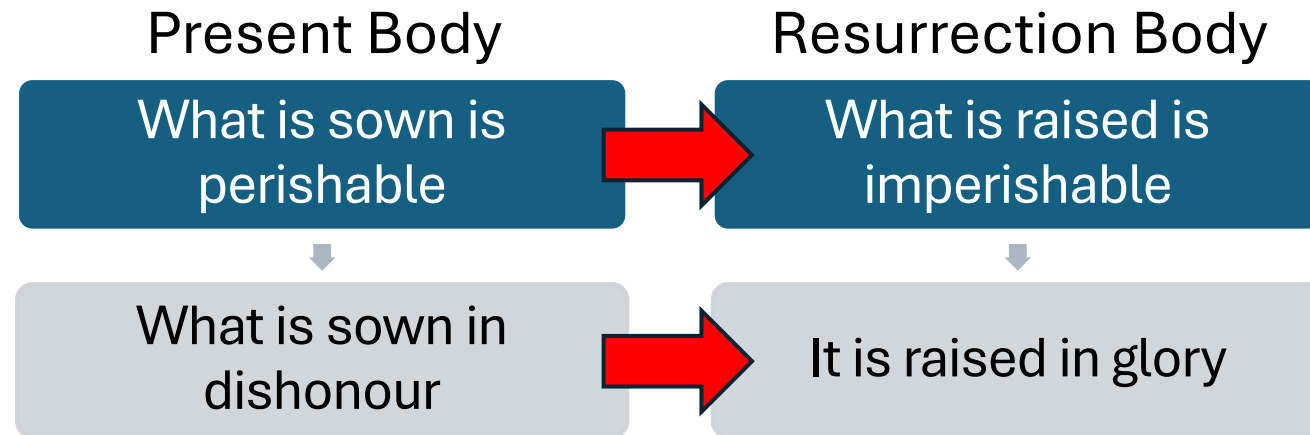
- Raised in glory
- Throughout eternity, our new immortal bodies will also be glorified honourable bodies, perfected for pleasing, praising, and enjoying our Redeemer
- We're going to be made into bright, stainless mirrors
 - So we will reflect back to God
 - His own boundless love, goodness, graciousness, greatness, and nobility
- We will become true vessels unto honour (2 Tim. 2:20-21)



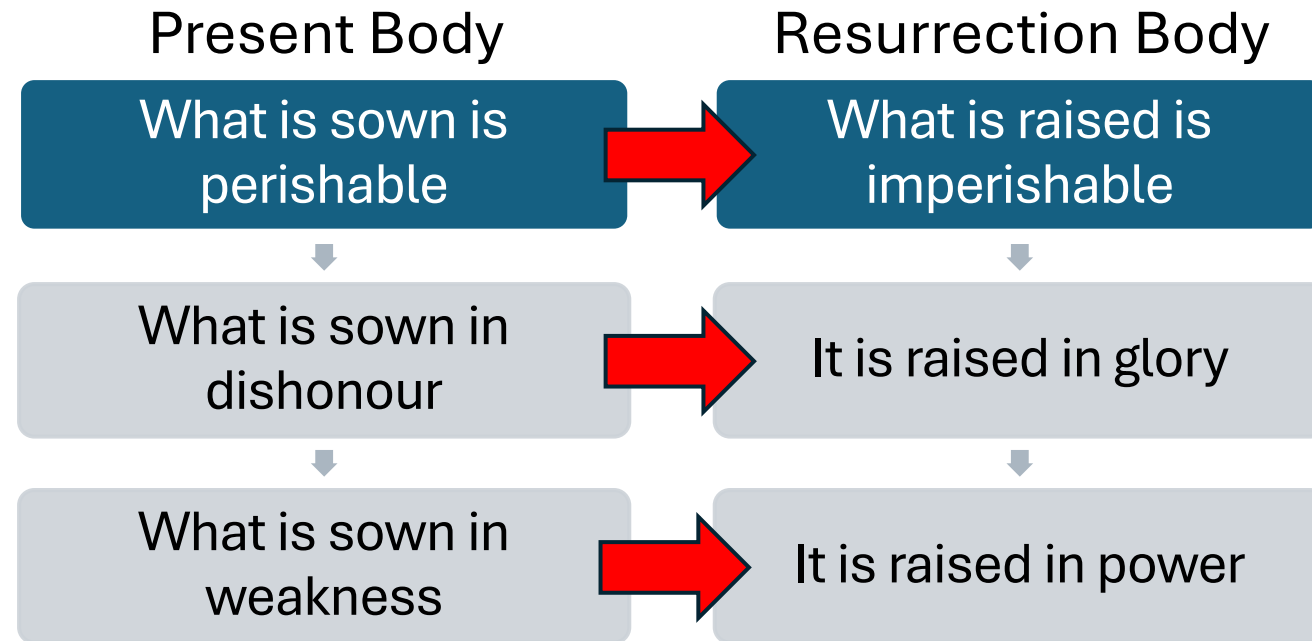
A silhouette of a person jumping joyfully against a vibrant sunset sky. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow. The sky transitions from orange near the horizon to a deep purple at the top. In the bottom left, there is a dark silhouette of a tree. In the bottom right, there is a logo for 412TEENS.org.

How can I
glorify God
in my life?

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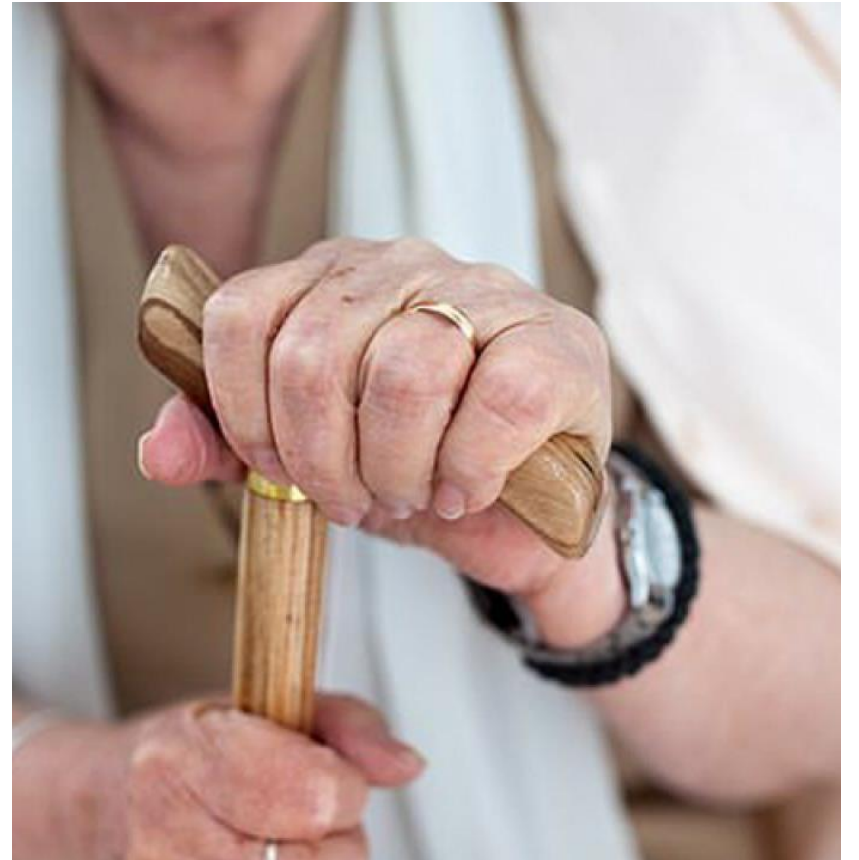


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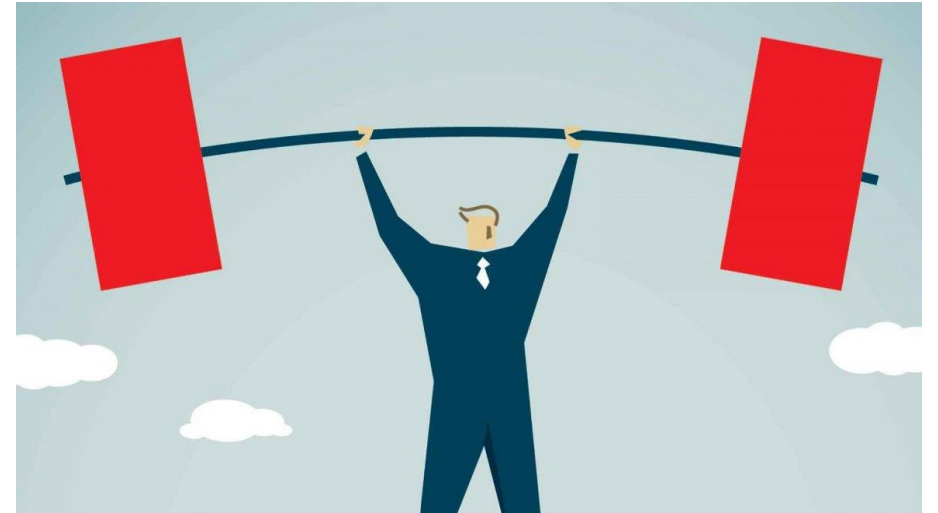
- Ability
- We are weak not only in strength/endurance, we are weak in resistance to disease and harm





Weakness vs Power

- Capable of infinite growth, infinite sensation – raised in power
- We will not need to say "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41)
- 1 Cor. 2:9 - "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."



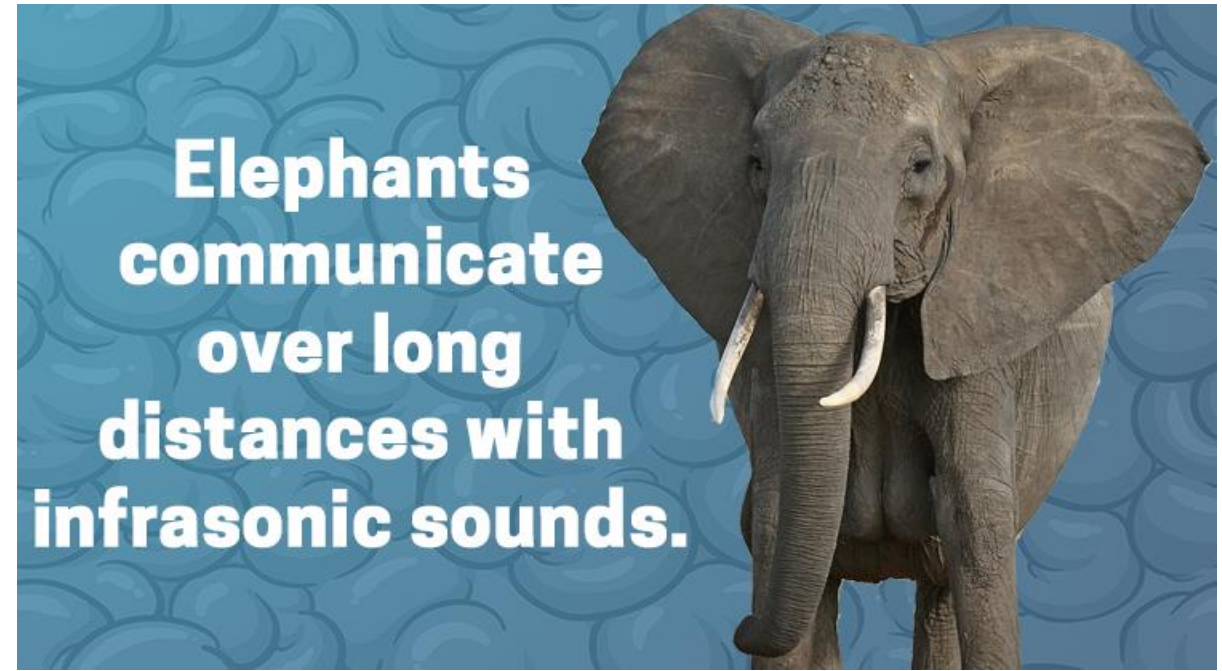


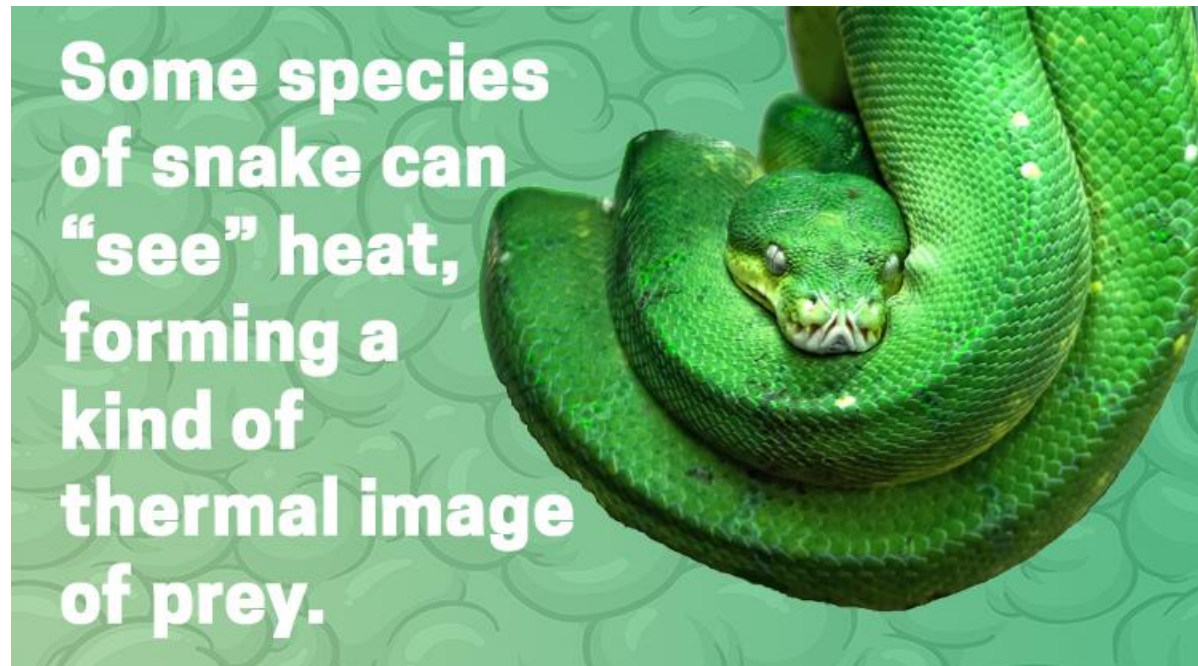
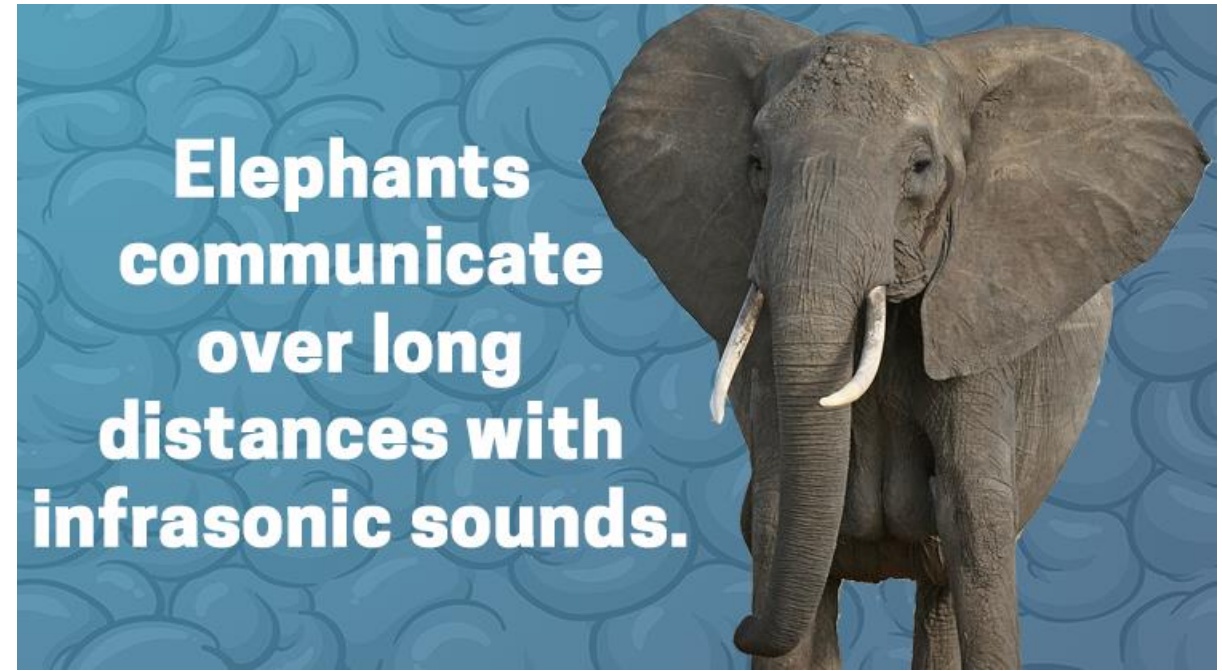
Superhuman strength?





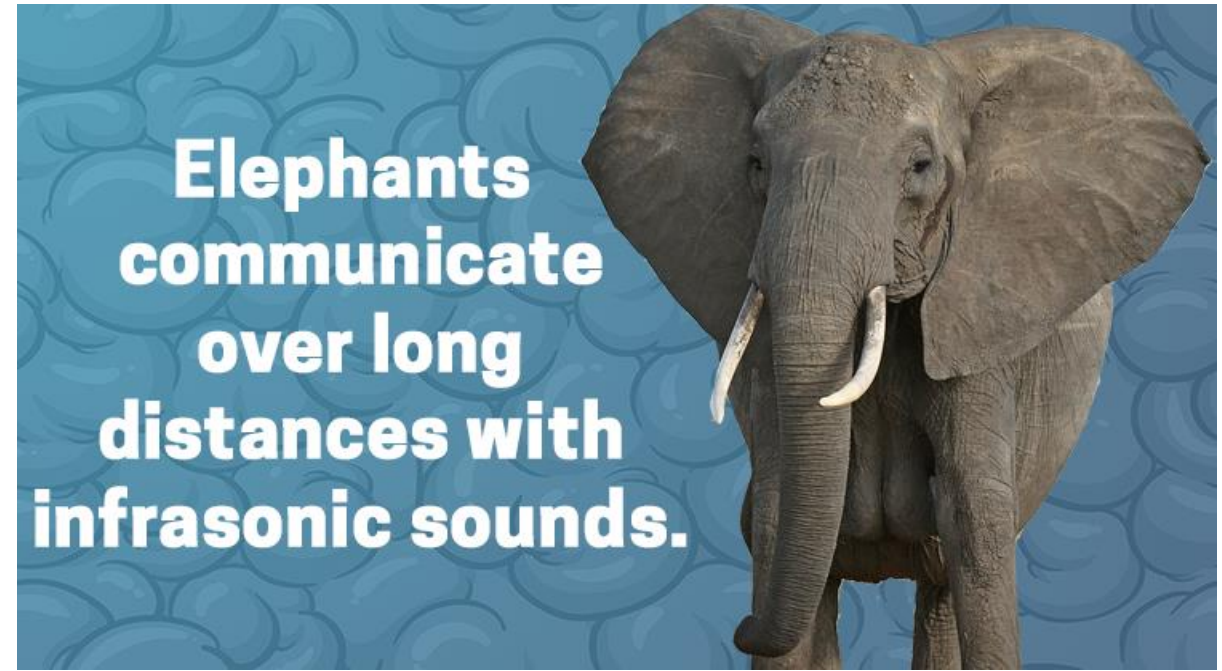
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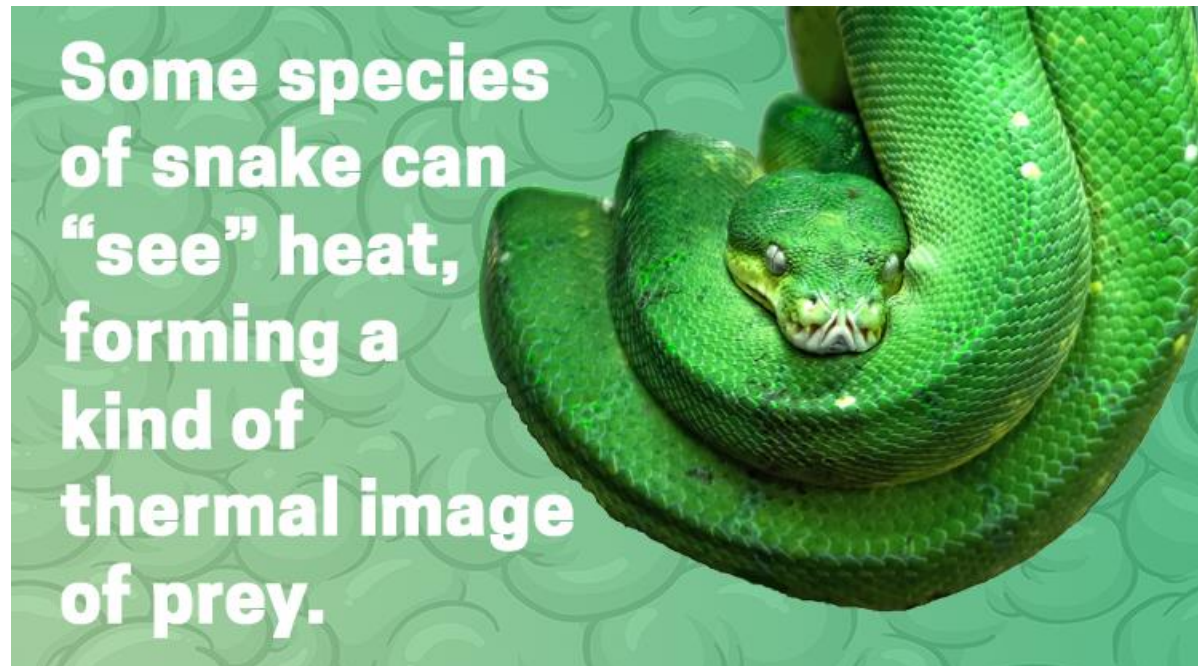




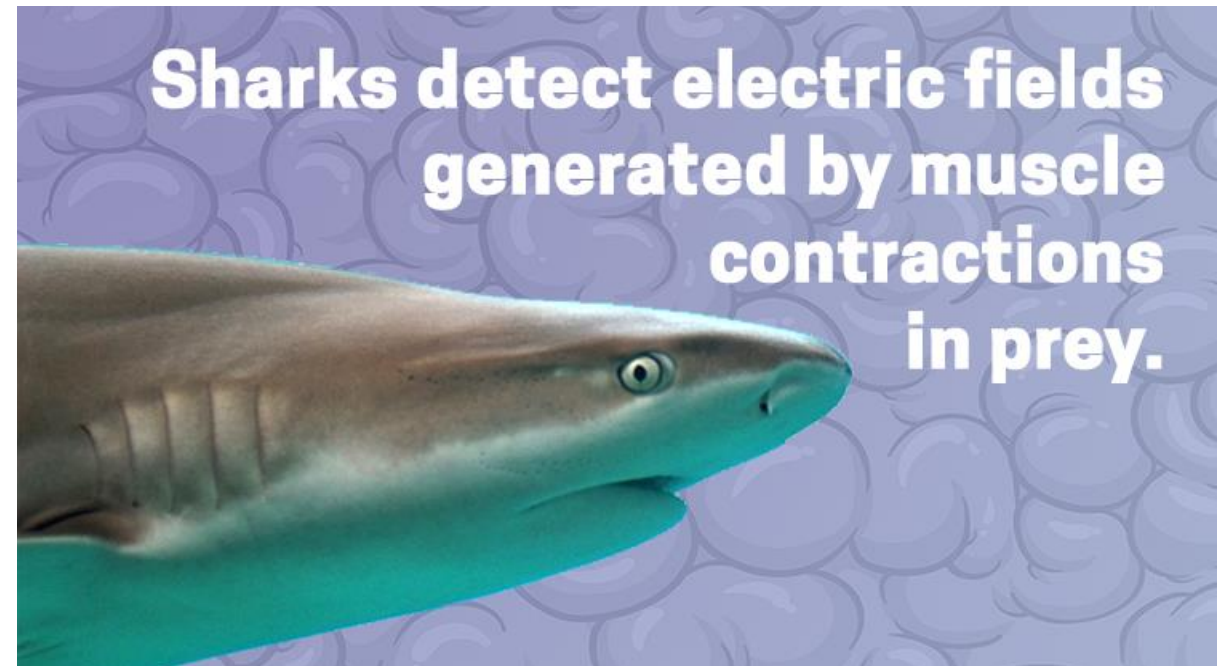
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**Elephants
communicate
over long
distances with
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**Some species
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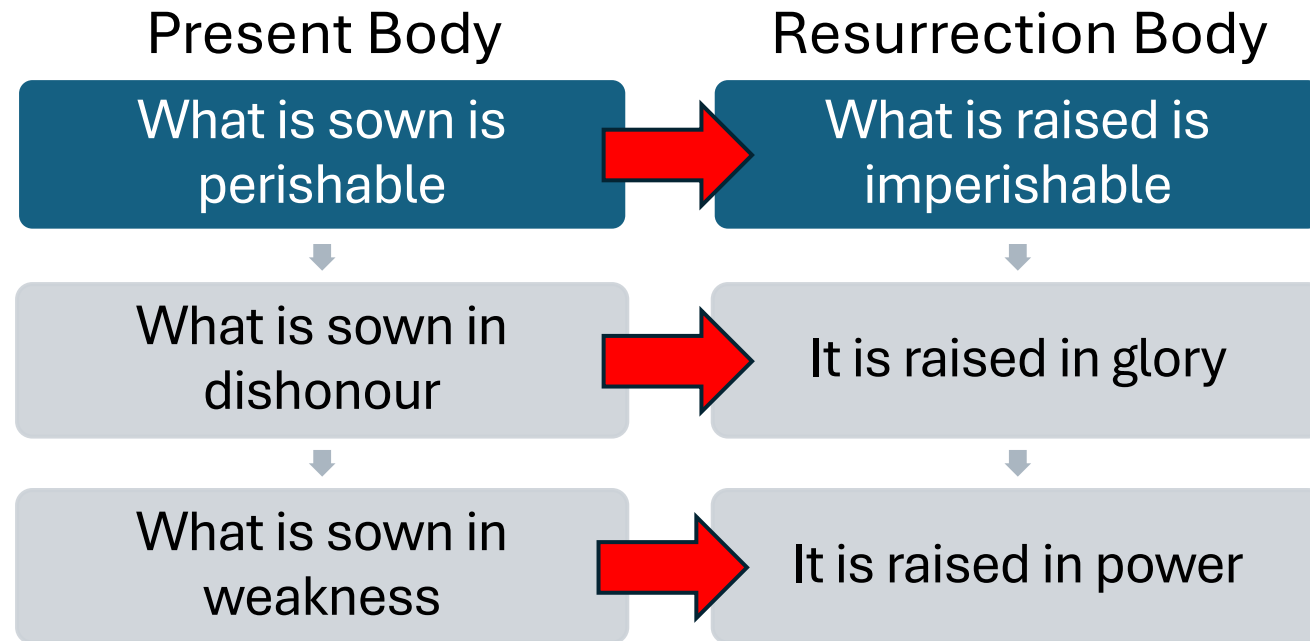
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Body of Power – Senses

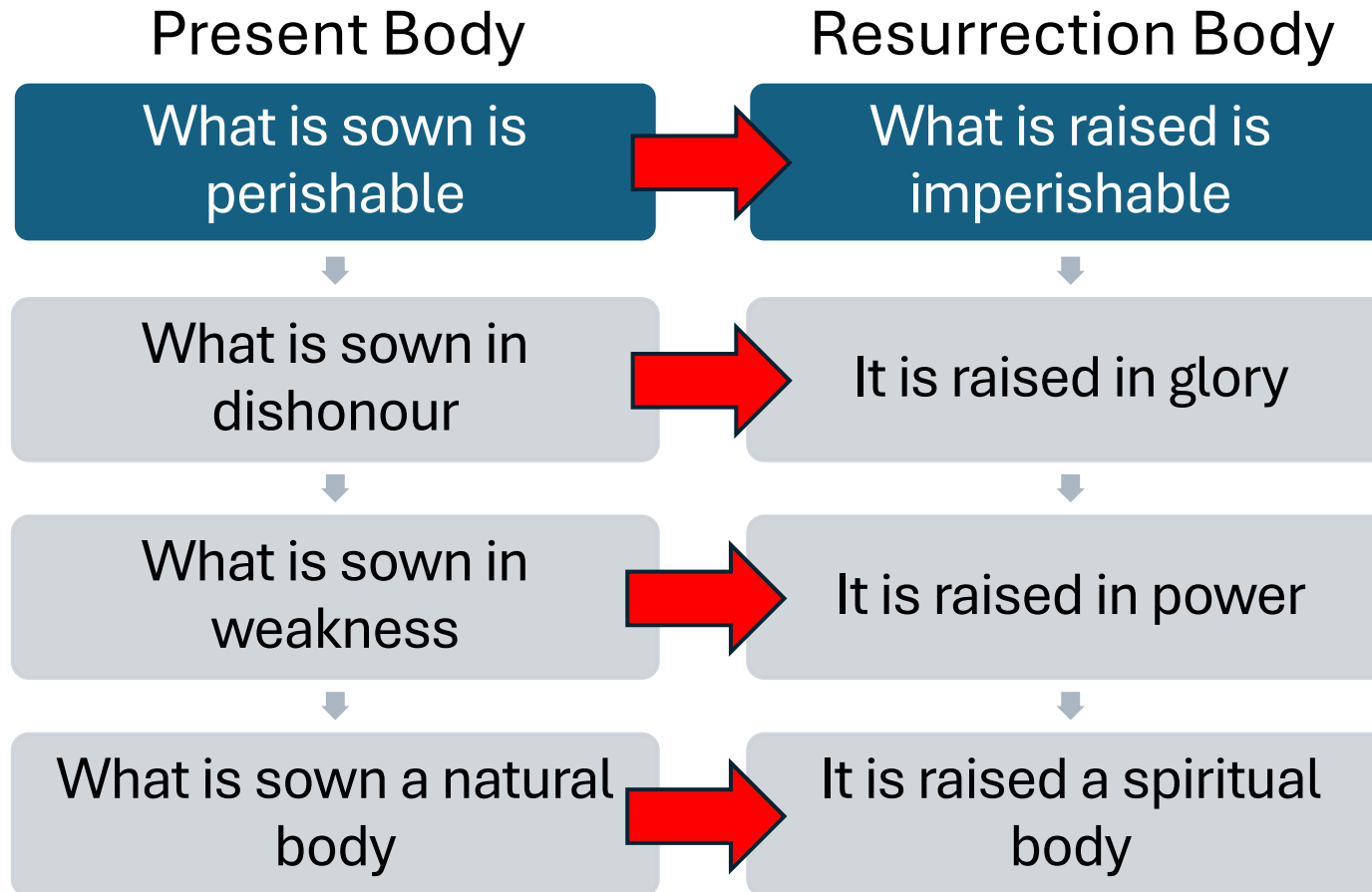
- We have 5 senses now



Our Present Body vs Our Resurrection Body



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1 Corinthians 15:42-44

- 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.
- 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.
- 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Natural vs Spiritual

- Sphere / Realm / Existence
- Our earthly body is strictly natural
 - Suited for and limited to the physical world



Natural vs Spiritual

- The new resurrection body will be a spiritual body
 - "Spiritual" here does not mean nonmaterial
 - Luke 24:39 - "**Behold my hands and my feet**, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."
- We will be perfectly suited in body and spirit for heavenly living



The Great Transformation



1 Corinthians 15:50-53

- 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.
- 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—
- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

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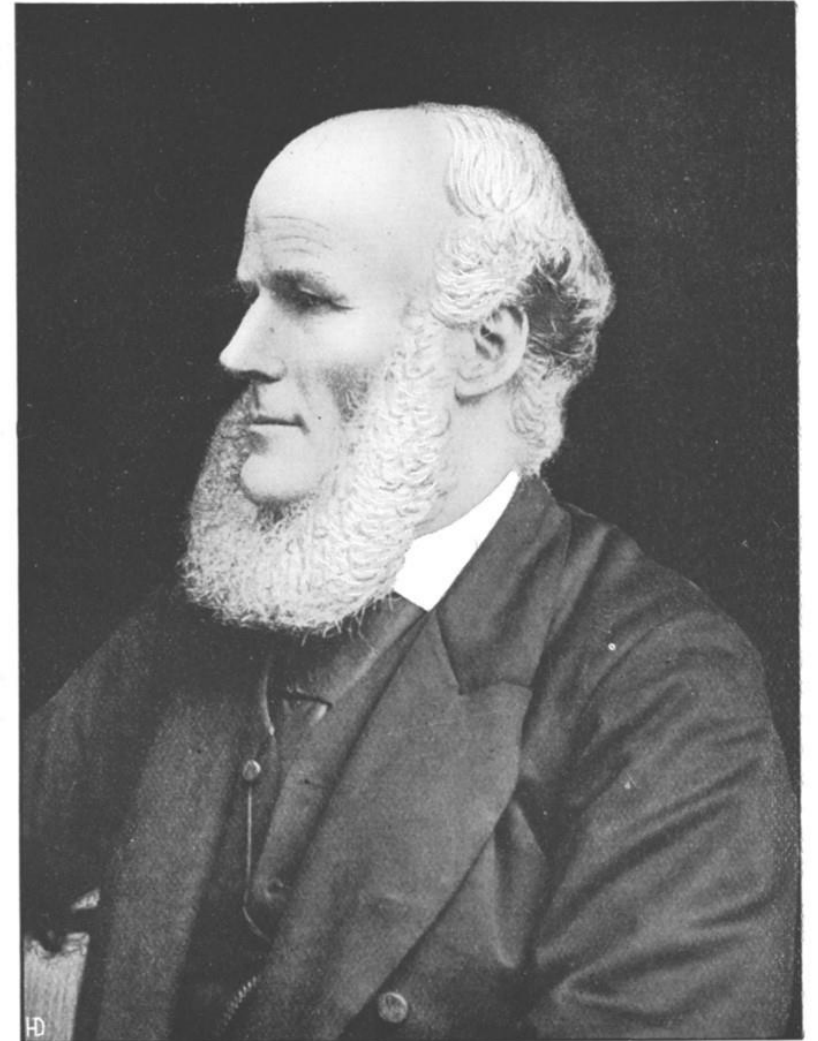
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I CORINTHIANS 15:51-53

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- "What are death, the grave, and decomposition in the presence of such power as this? Talk of being dead four days as a difficulty! Millions that have been mouldering in the dust for thousands of years shall spring up in a moment into life, immortality and eternal glory, at the voice of that blessed One."



C. H. MACKINTOSH

What can we learn
about God from this?

God is a God of the physical realm

- He likes the physical
- He likes matter
- He created the physical
- He became physical to redeem us
- The Bible does not say only the souls of people need to be saved, it does not matter if they are hungry



The Physical is Important

- When we see
 - Hunger
 - Disease
 - Pain
- We know that God hates it
 - Our Lord Jesus came and took on human flesh to destroy these things
 - He died to deal with it
- We minister in word **and deed**



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Revelation 22:1-2a

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits..."

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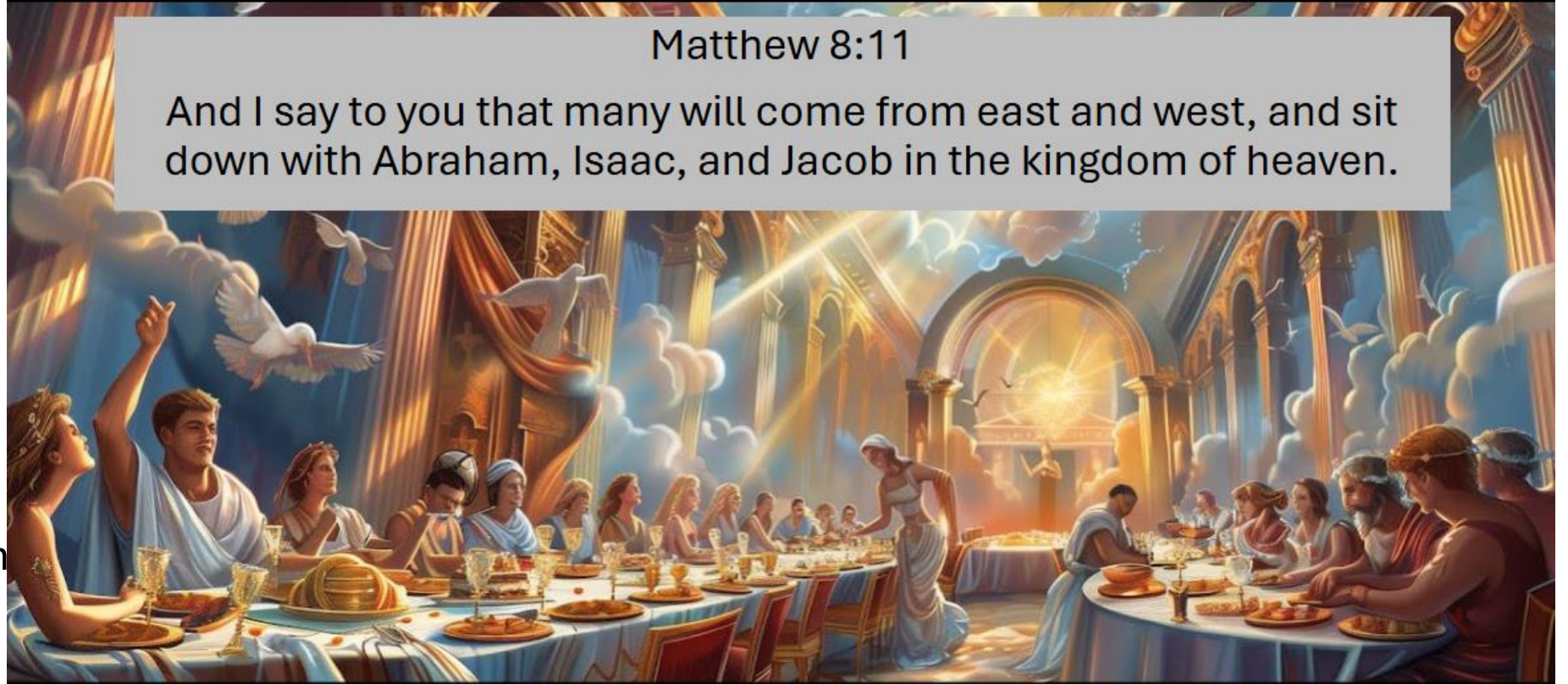
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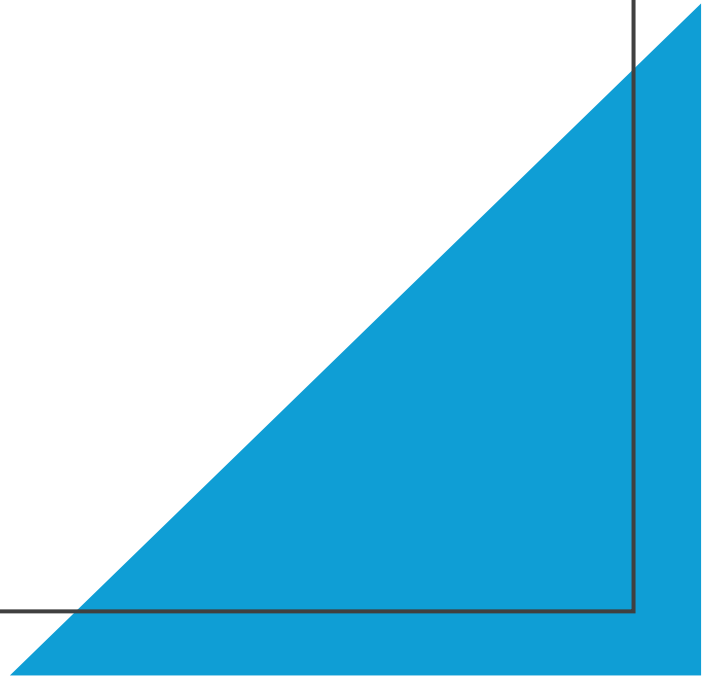
Sitting with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Matthew 8:11

And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.



When?



The Great Triumph



1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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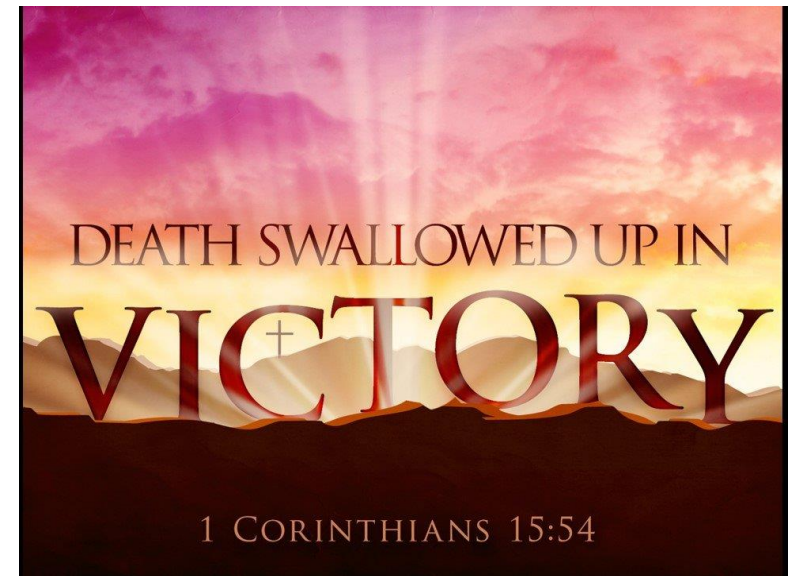
Death is Swallowed Up in Victory

- Christ's resurrection broke the power of death for those who believe in Him and death is no longer master over them because "death no longer is master over Him" (Romans 6:9)
- But death is STILL the enemy of man
 - We no longer need fear death, but it still invades and torments us while we are mortal



Death is Swallowed Up in Victory

- But one day
 - When Christ returns
When this "corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality"
 - Then comes the great triumph that Isaiah predicted
 - **Death is swallowed up in victory!!!**
- Isaiah 25:8
 - "**He will swallow up death in victory**; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it."



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- Galatians 3:13a - "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being **made a curse for us**:..."
- He took our curse and our condemnation and gives us victory over sin and death
- In Christ's victory over death, **death's sting is removed**



Hebrews 2:14-15

- "14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy him that had the power of death**, that is, the devil;
- 15 And deliver them who through **fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage."



Underneath...

- Underneath all the **diets**,
 - Is a desire for new bodies
- Underneath all the **makeup / wigs**,
 - Is a desire for new skin
- Underneath the **materialism** / always buying new things
- Underneath the desire for the **new** in your heart

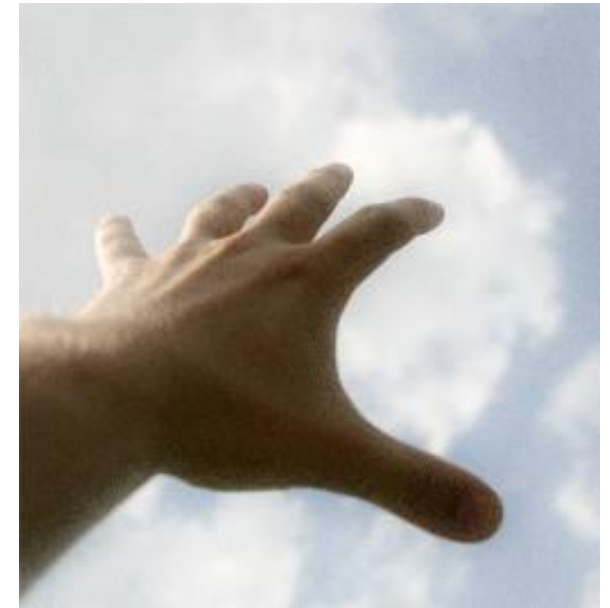
- It's a hunger for the **eternity of God**
- It's a hunger for newness



He has made everything beautiful
in its time. He has also set eternity
in the human heart; yet no one
can fathom what God has done
from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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John 11:25-26

- "25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
- 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"



**I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE**



Now Death is just the door to Life

"Death used to
be an executioner,
but the gospel made
him just a gardener."

- George Herbert



Because He Lives

- God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
 - He came to love, heal and forgive;
 - He lived and died to buy my pardon,
 - An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!
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- Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
 - Because He lives, all fear is gone;
 - Because I know He holds the future,
 - And life is worth the living,
 - Just because He lives!



Because He Lives

- And then one day, I'll cross the river,
 - I'll fight life's final war with pain;
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