



This City of Joy

Revelation 21:22-27

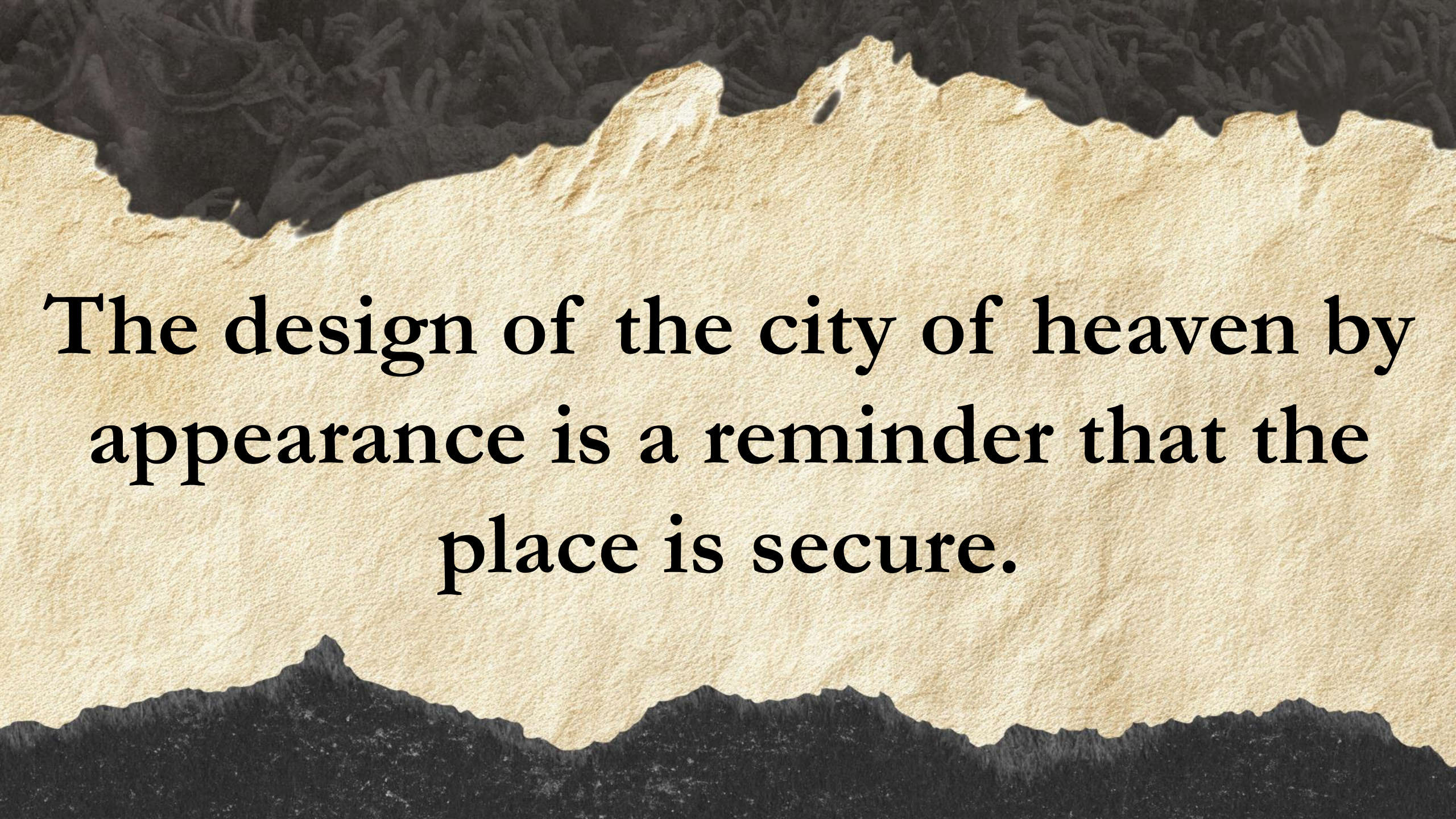


John records the glories of
heaven, so that we love God and
others from now into eternity.

Theology of Heaven:

1. God's Goodness on Display





The design of the city of heaven by
appearance is a reminder that the
place is secure.

Isaiah 60:19

The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Why a city?

Jeremiah 33:7–9

[7] I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. [8] I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the

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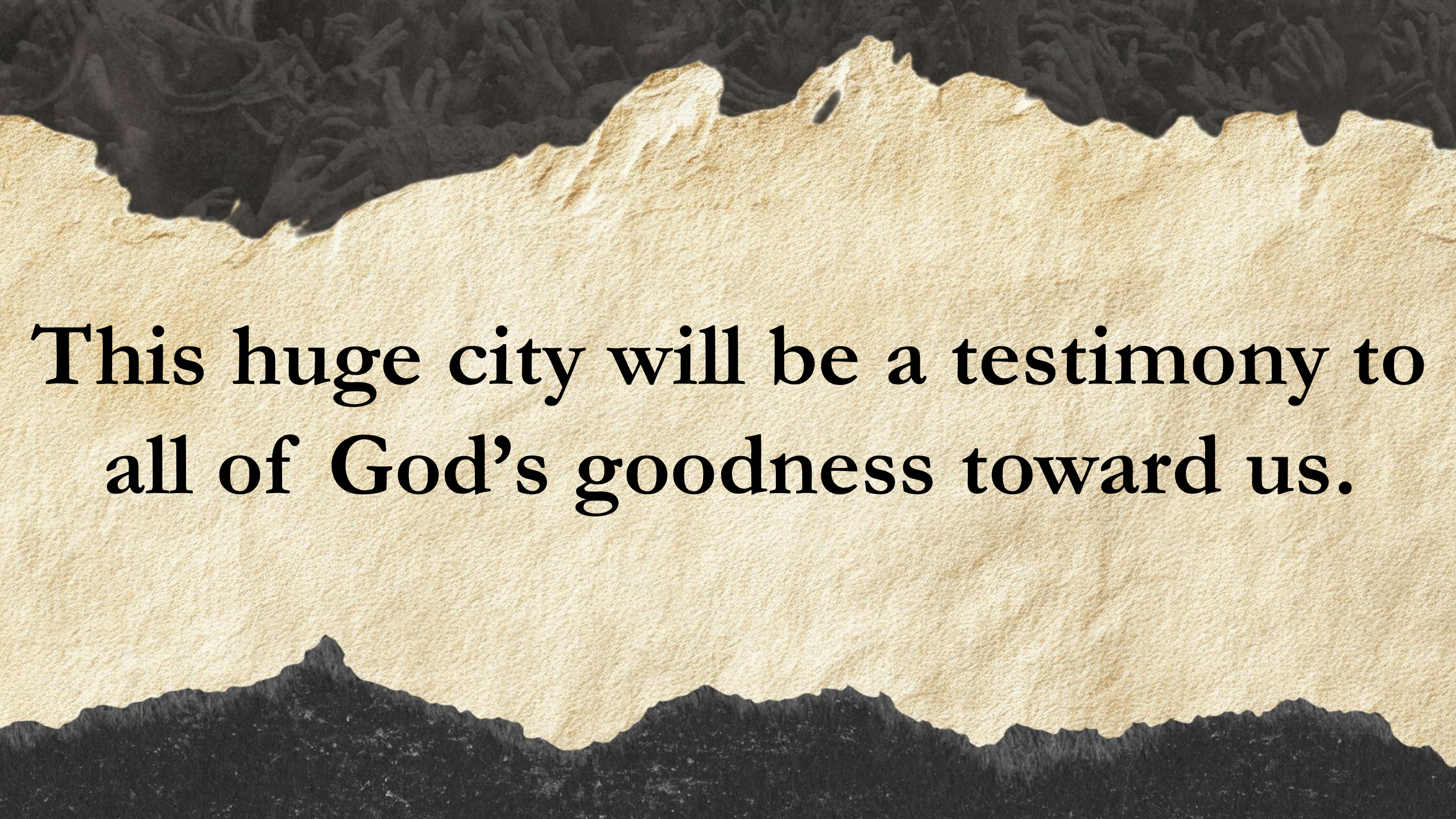
Jeremiah 33:7–9

guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. [9] And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them.

Why a city?

Jeremiah 33:7–9

**They shall fear and tremble because of
all the good and all the prosperity I
provide for it.**



**This huge city will be a testimony to
all of God's goodness toward us.**

Theology of Heaven:

2. Worship and Relationship



John 3:19–21

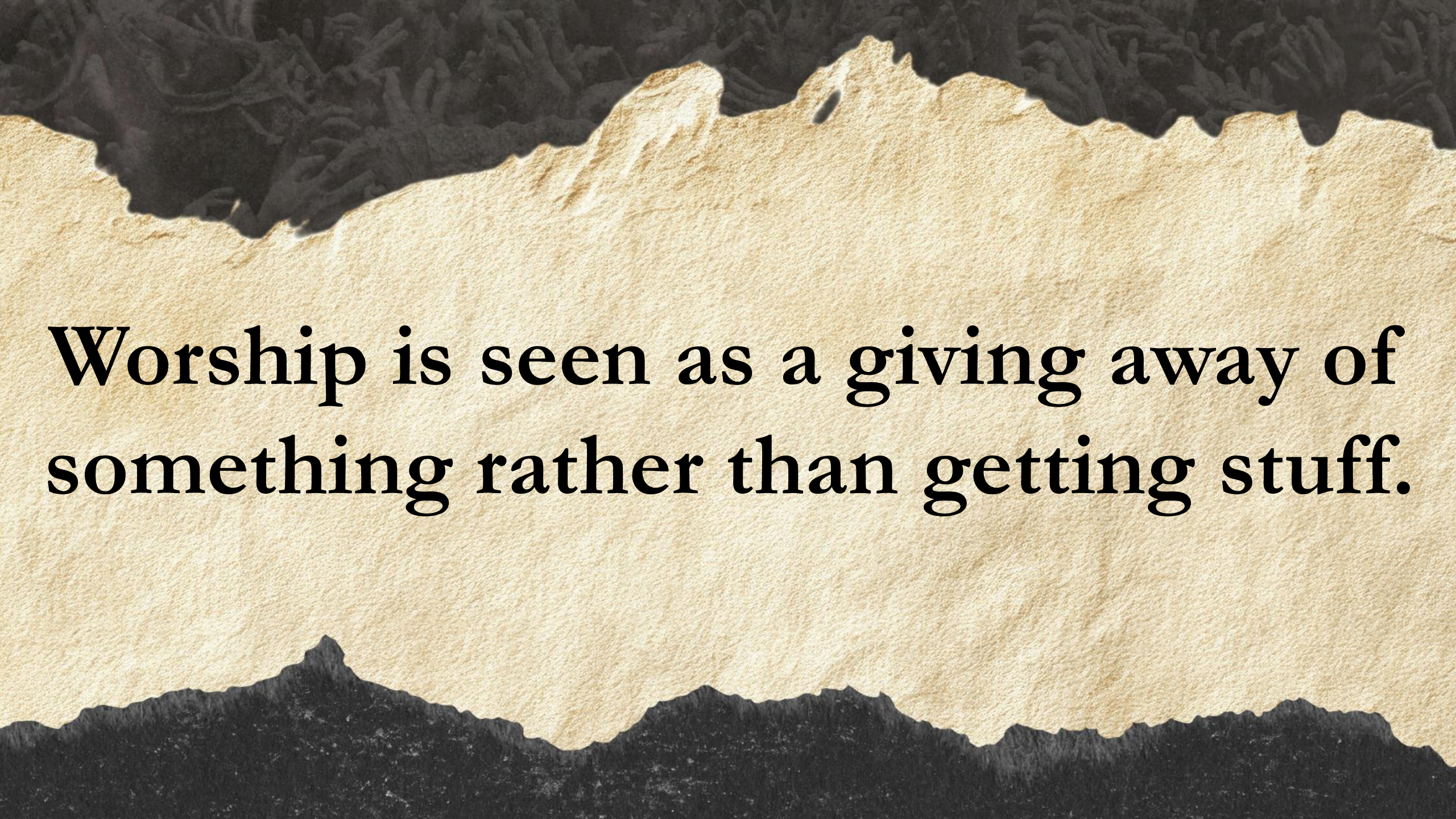
[19] And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light,

John 3:19–21

**lest his works should be exposed. [21]
But whoever does what is true comes to
the light, so that it may be clearly seen
that his works have been carried out in
God.”**

Revelation 19:19

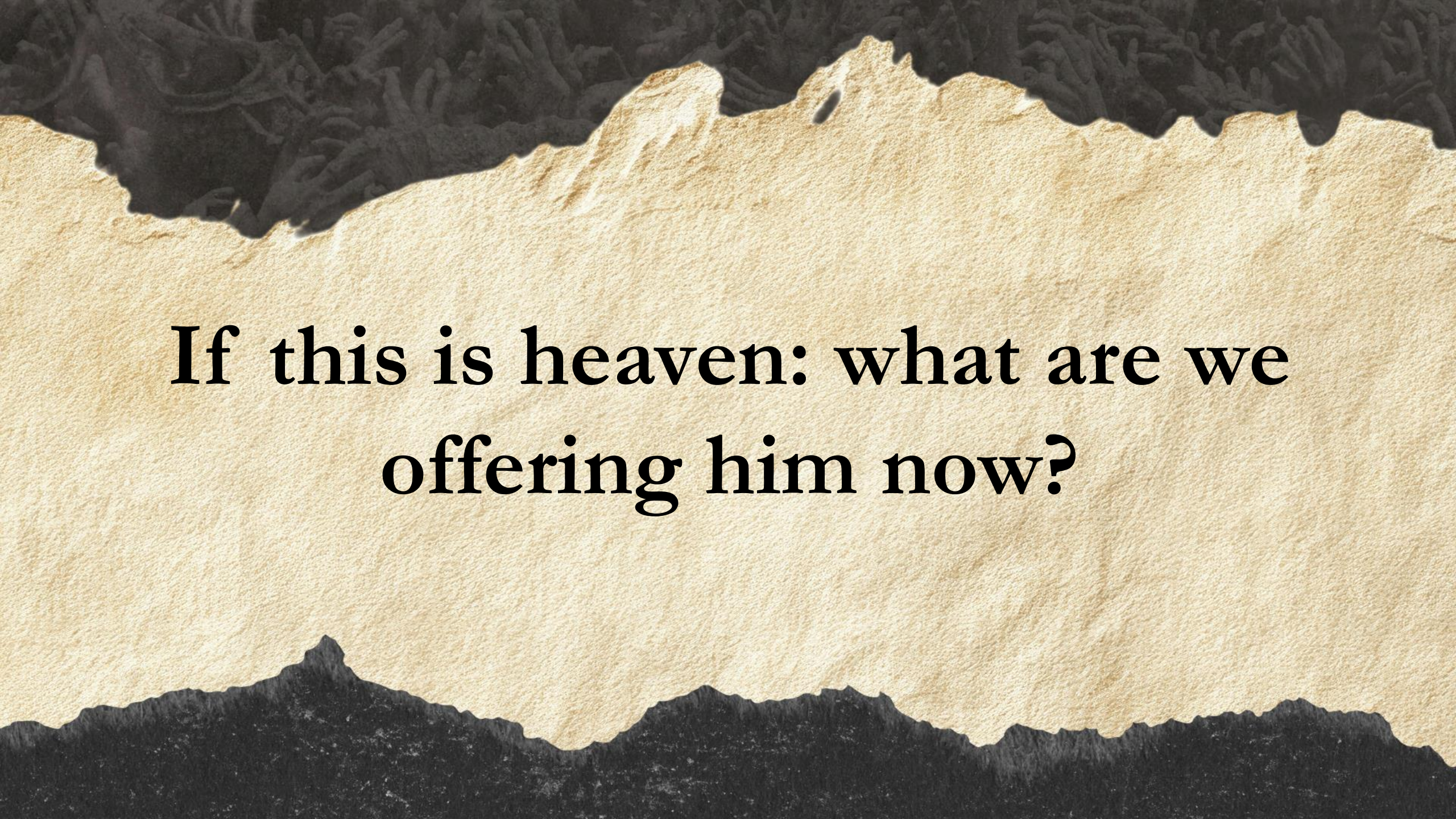
And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.

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Worship is seen as a giving away of something rather than getting stuff.

Isaiah 60:11

Your gates shall be open continually; day
and night they shall not be shut, that
people may bring to you the wealth of
the nations, with their kings led in
procession.

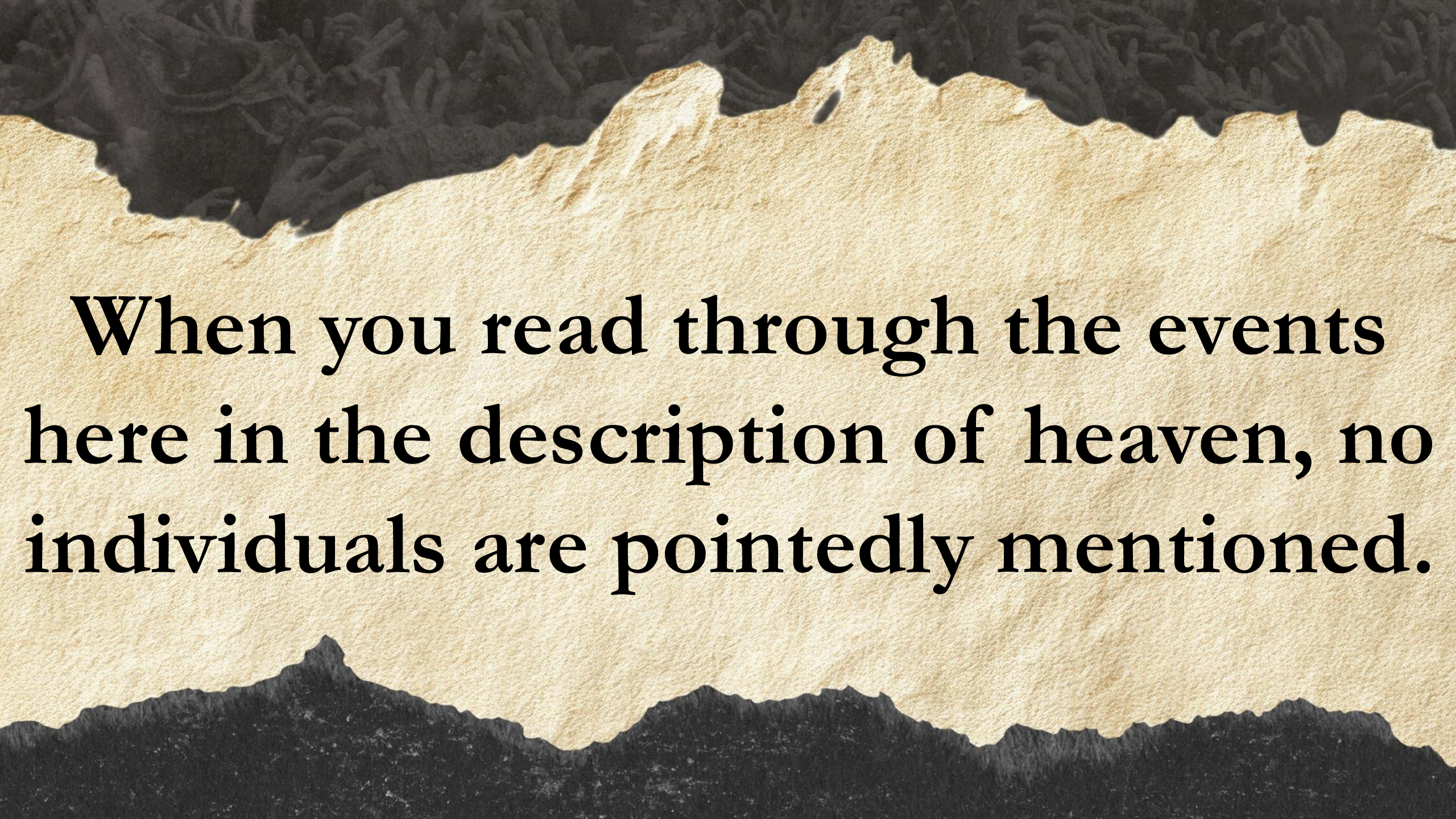


**If this is heaven: what are we
offering him now?**

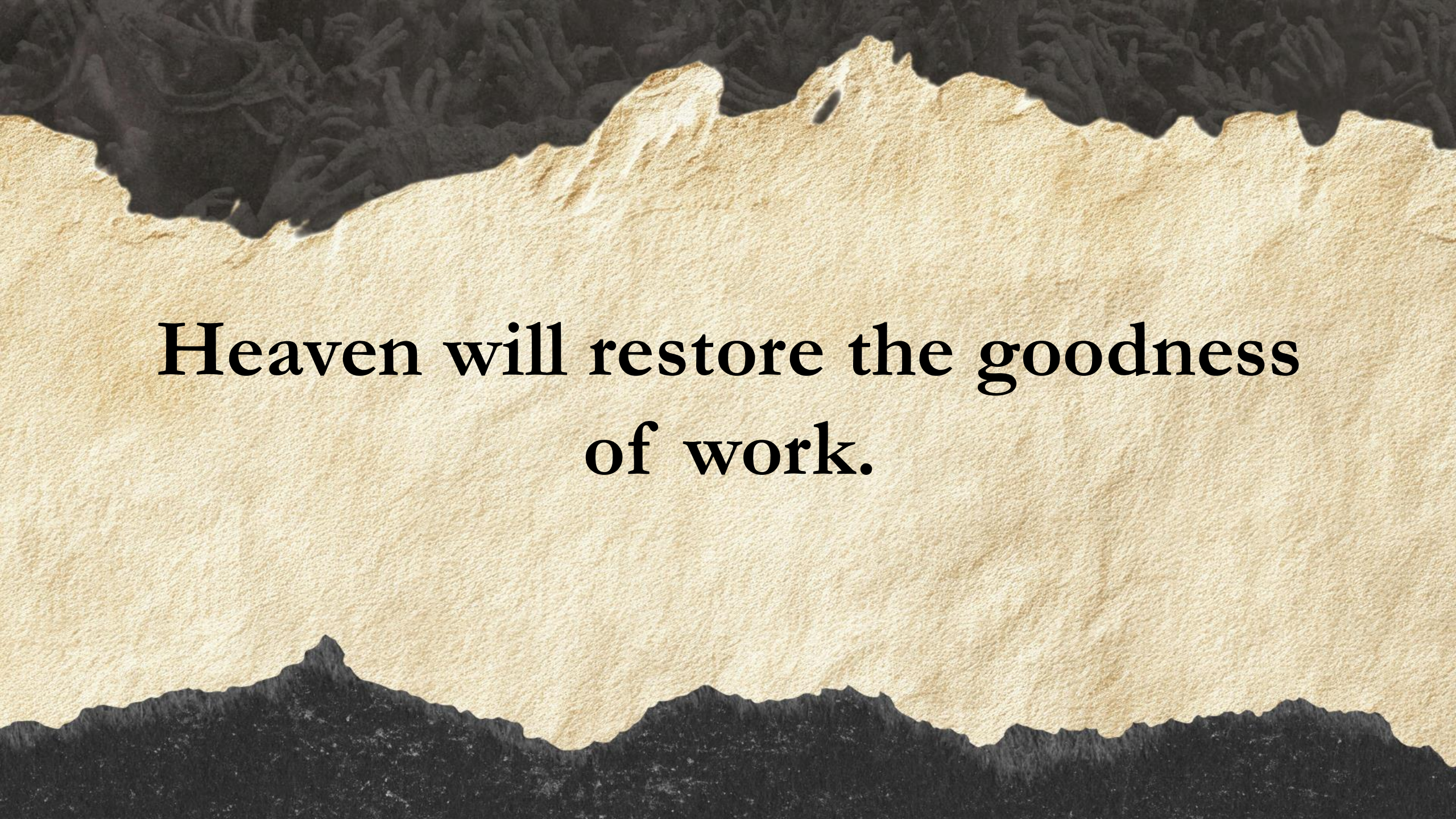
Theology of Heaven:

3. Exact Entry and Holiness

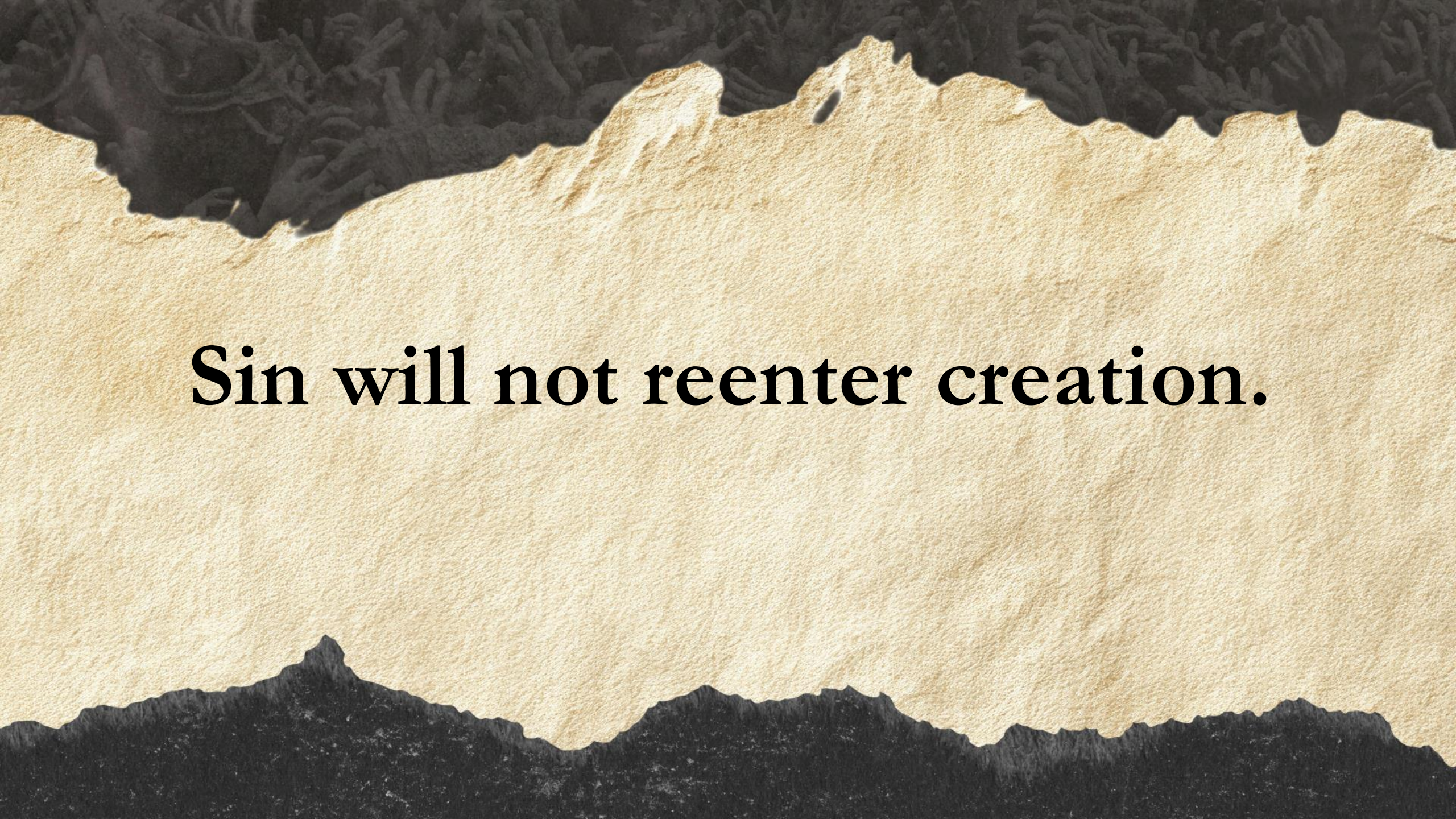




When you read through the events here in the description of heaven, no individuals are pointedly mentioned.

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Heaven will restore the goodness
of work.

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Sin will not reenter creation.

Leviticus 19:2

“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

Leviticus 20:26

**You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD
am holy and have separated you from the
peoples, that you should be mine.**

Revelation 13:7-8.

[7] Also it [beast] was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,

Revelation 13:7-8.

[8] and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

Revelation 5:9-10

**[9] And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to
open its seals, for you were slain, and by
your blood you ransomed people for
God**

Revelation 5:9-10

from every tribe and language and people and nation, [10] and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”



Walking Points:

**1. Is you name in
the book?**



Walking Points:

**2. Shed your
isolation and invest
in the church.**

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Walking Points:

**3. Pursue holiness
in this dark world.**