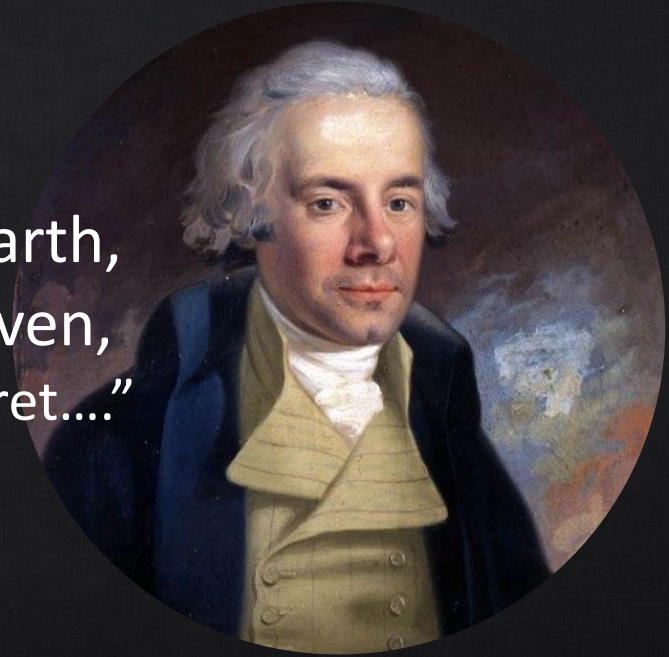


A man with a beard, wearing a simple robe, sits on a dark, jagged rock. He is looking out from a dark cave or opening towards a vast, vibrant, and ethereal landscape. The landscape is filled with swirling, colorful light and energy, resembling a nebula or a celestial scene. The colors range from deep blues and purples to bright yellows and oranges, with a central bright white light source. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and wonder.

'I see the promise of heaven'  
**ALL THIS FUTURE**

“I now feel so weaned from earth,  
my affections so much in Heaven,  
that I can leave you all without regret....”  
William Wilberforce



- 1 The more we seek and experience engagement with heaven,
- 2 set our minds on the truths and realities of heaven,
- 3 and consciously invest our lives toward heaven,  
the more real heaven becomes to us.

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set our minds on the truths and realities of heaven

the promises  
to those who  
die before the  
Lord's coming

the promises  
included in  
*The Day* of  
his coming

the promises  
related to the  
new heavens  
and new earth

And he said to them,  
“**Pay attention** to what you  
hear: with the measure you  
use, it will be measured to you,  
and still more will be added to  
you. <sup>25</sup> For to the one who has,  
more will be given, and from the  
one who has not, even what  
he has will be taken away.”

Mark 4:24-25 ESV

the promises  
to those who  
die before the  
Lord's coming

I know that this  
man... was caught  
up into paradise....  
2 Corinthians 12:3-4 CSB

*better by  
much more*  
DLNT

*“Truly I tell you,  
today you will be  
with me  
in paradise.”*  
Luke 23:43 NIV

My desire is  
to depart and be  
with Christ, for  
that is far better.  
Philippians 1:23 ESV

“What I experienced in heaven,  
what I felt there in heaven,  
is in this place.”

Mike Olson



the promises  
included in  
*The Day* of  
his coming

**We will not all fall  
asleep, but we will all be  
changed,** <sup>52</sup> 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 will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51b-53 CSB

But as it is, Christ  
has been raised from  
the dead, the **firstfruits**  
of those who have  
fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20 CSB

the first  
portion of  
a larger  
harvest



He will transform  
the body of our  
humble condition  
into the likeness of  
his **glorious** body....  
Philippians 3:21a ESV

“See my hands and my feet,  
that it is I myself. Touch me, and  
see. For a spirit does not have **flesh  
and bones as you see that I have.**”  
<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed  
them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while  
they still disbelieved for joy and were  
marveling, he said to them, “Have you  
anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave  
him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he  
took it and ate before them.  
Luke 24:39-43 ESV



1 Corinthians 15:42b-44 NIV

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;  
<sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;  
it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;  
<sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

Then I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, **new** Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:1-2 ESV

the promises related to the new heavens and new earth

**kainos**

“new, especially in terms of freshness, while neos is new in terms of age”



“...resurrected bodies  
on a resurrected Earth  
in resurrected friendships,  
enjoying a resurrected culture  
with the resurrected Jesus....  
Everybody will be who God  
made them to be—and none of  
us will ever suffer or die again.”

Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*

Revelation 21:3-5 CSB

Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:

Look, God's dwelling is with humanity,  
and he will live with them.

They will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them  
and will be their God.

<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
grief, crying, and pain will be no more,  
because the previous things have passed away.

<sup>5</sup> Then the one seated on the throne said,  
"Look, I am making everything new."