



SONGS

OF THE SEASON

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:18-25

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:18-25

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet [in Isaiah 7:14]:

²³“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:18-25

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



MURILLO, Bartolomé Esteban, *Adoration of the Shepherds*, c. 1668
Oil on canvas, 147 x 218 cm, Wallace Collection, London

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Matthew 1:18-23

Joseph: The Message

"An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'" Matthew 1:20

🔍 Look at Joseph in the nativity story, specifically the angel's message to him. The word to Joseph straight from heaven is twofold: first, God is coming to save you from your sins (see v. 21); and second, He is coming to be with you (see v. 23).

This message would have thrilled and shocked Joseph. Every inch of his life from this moment on would be radically different than he anticipated. The two parts of the message were earthshattering enough. Then add that the One conceived in Mary is *God Himself*, not conceived by Joseph. The baby's deity is unmistakable, as shown in the names the angel uses for Him: Jesus (meaning *God saves*) and Immanuel (meaning *God with us*).

People are often put off by the notion that they need saving from their sins. They are further offended by the truth that Jesus is the only way to eternal life. Many don't care to have a message such as this interfering with their Christmas holiday. But God has indeed come near. He has turned our weary world upside down, all for His great love of us and promise to rescue us.

Our spectacular celebrating at Christmas can be rooted in these breathtaking truths, first presented to humble, faithful, kind Joseph, and kept alive throughout history for us.

Matthew 1:21-25

Joseph: The Message

"When Joseph woke up, he had commanded him and she gave birth to a son. And Matthew 1:24-25

🔍 Joseph would have and much excitement bride-to-be. Marriage change. Through his it, Joseph's faith would fathom the emotions something totally new

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O Come, O Come,
EMMANUEL





O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

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Shall come to thee, O Israel
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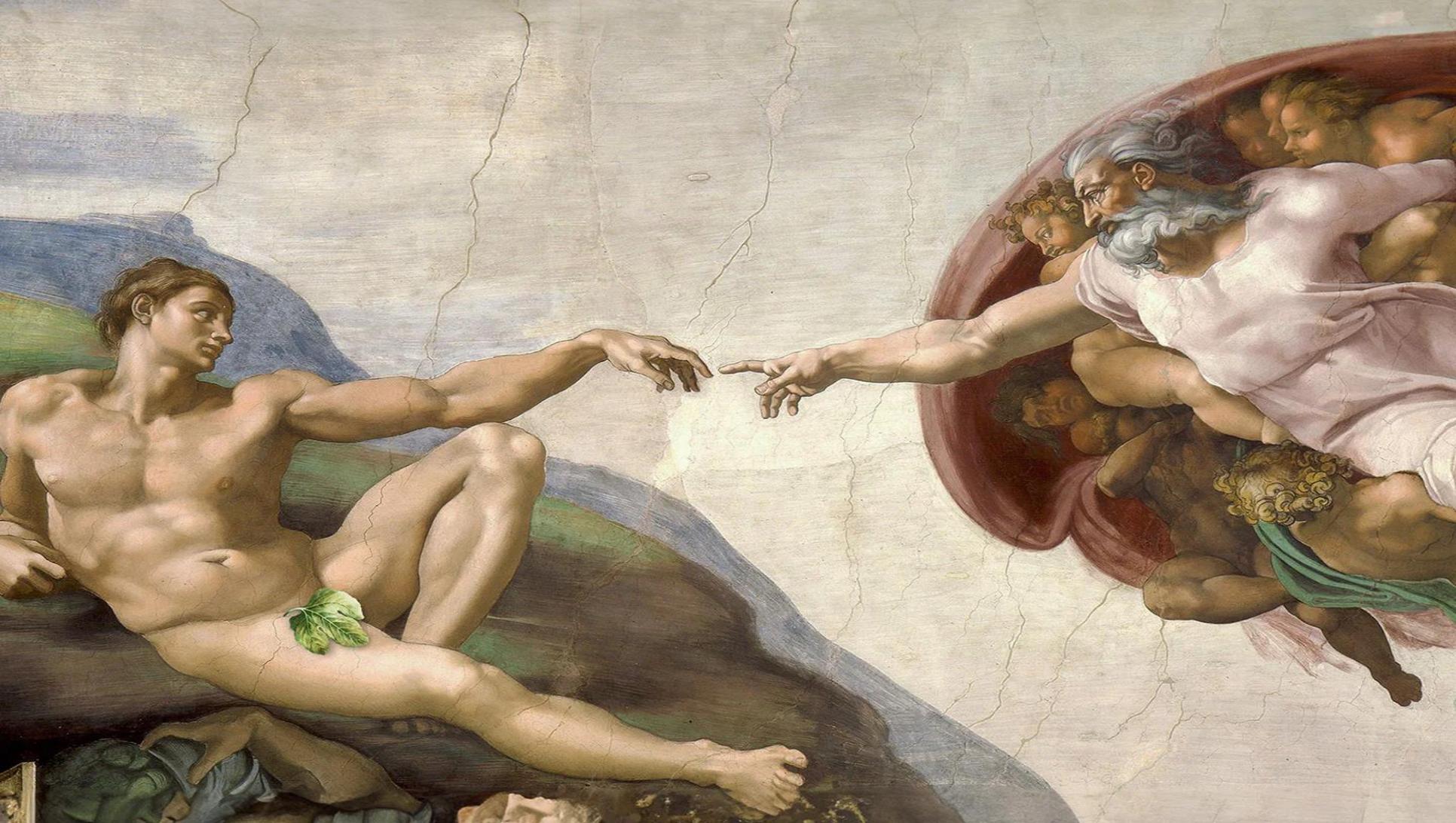


Gen 1-2

Gen 3

Gen 4-Rev 20

Rev 21-22



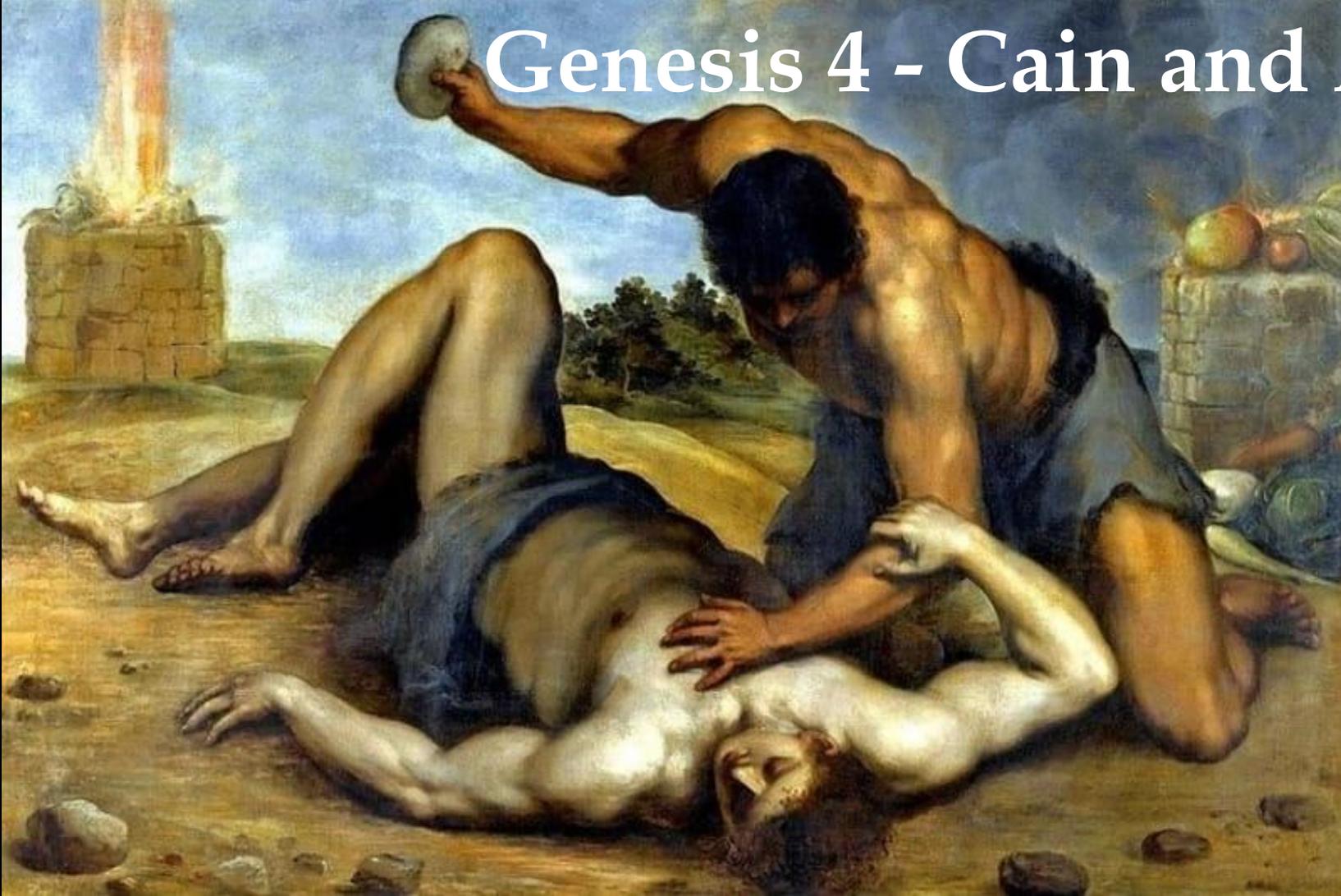


I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;

**HE SHALL BRUISE YOUR HEAD,
AND YOU SHALL BRUISE HIS HEEL.**

GENESIS 3:15

Genesis 4 - Cain and Abel





God doesn't give up!

*The Promise
Given to Abraham*

Genesis 12:1-4

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went...

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

Genesis 15:1-6

³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.”

Genesis 15:1-6

Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.



“Israel in Egypt,” by Edward Poynter (1867)
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Along comes
~~Charton Heston~~
Moses



Exodus 19:5-6

⁵“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

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722 – Northern Kingdom (Israel)
586 – Southern Kingdom (Judah)

A signpost stands on a city street at night. The background is a blurred cityscape with lights and a road with light trails. The signpost has a grey spherical top and two yellow directional signs. The top sign points left and says 'YOUR WAY'. The bottom sign points right and says 'GOD'S WAY'.

YOUR WAY

GOD'S WAY

A signpost with two yellow directional signs is positioned in the center of the frame. The top sign is a yellow arrow pointing left with the text "YOUR WAY" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The bottom sign is a yellow arrow pointing right with the text "GOD'S WAY" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The signpost is a grey pole with a spherical top. The background is a blurred city street at night, with light trails from cars and city lights.

YOUR WAY

GOD'S WAY

RELIGION

IRRELIGION

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Galatians 3:2-9, 13-14

²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain – if indeed it was in vain? ⁵Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith – ⁶just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

Galatians 3:2-9, 13-14

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:2-9, 13-14

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us — for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” — ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.



John 3:9-18

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ^r ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people.

(Num. 21:6)





Numbers 21:8-9

⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”

⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.



Galatians 3:13-14

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

John 3:9-18

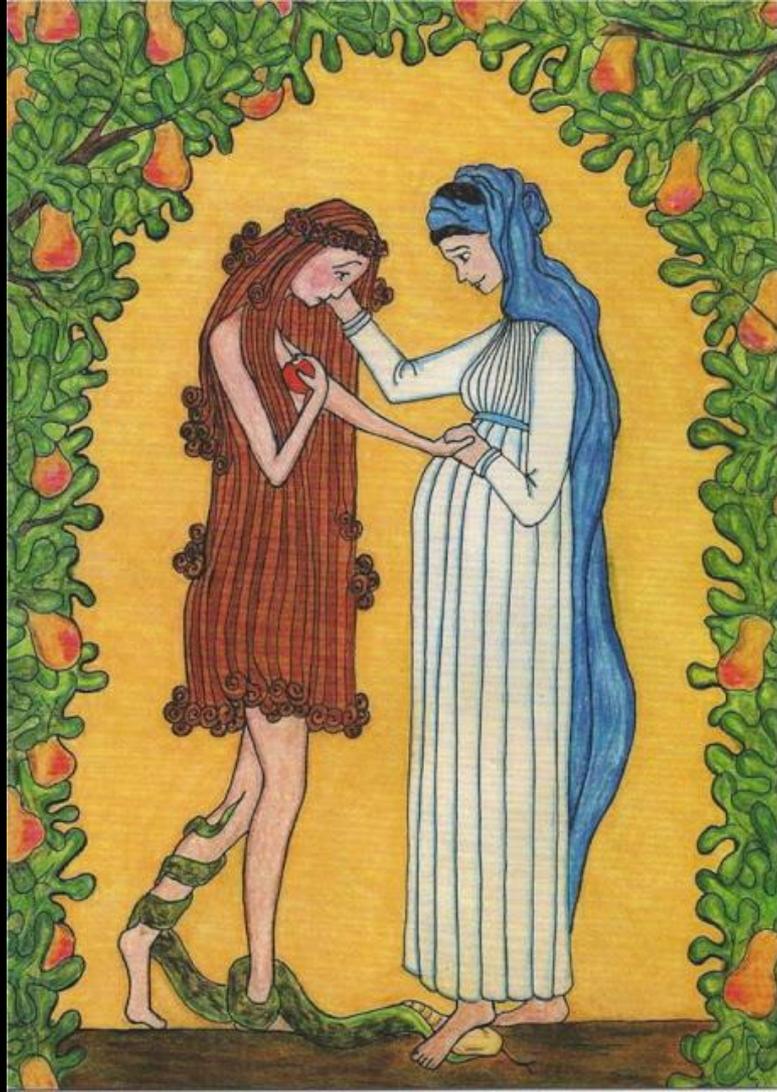
¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



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GREAT BIG SPOILER!

Revelation 21:1-4

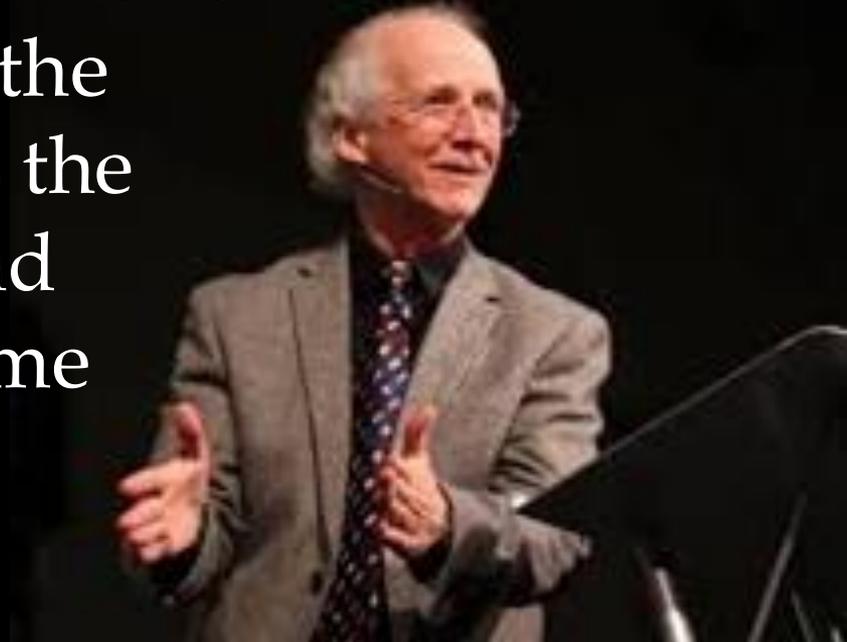
¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

GREAT BIG SPOILER!

Revelation 22:3a

³No longer will there be any curse.

[T]he giver gets the glory. God gave the power. God gets the glory. *We* have faith; *he* gives power. *We* get the help; *he* gets the glory. That's the deal that keeps us humble and happy, and keeps him supreme and glorious.



~John Piper, **The Giver Gets the Glory**

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-giver-gets-the-glory>



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