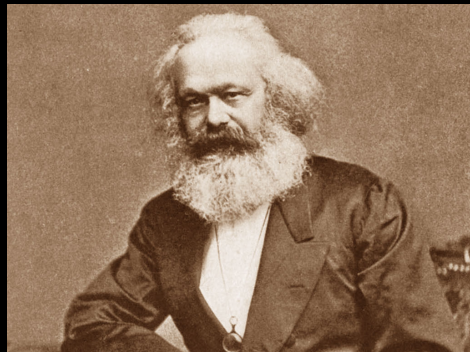




Common Questions

shedding light on questions about life and the bible



¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

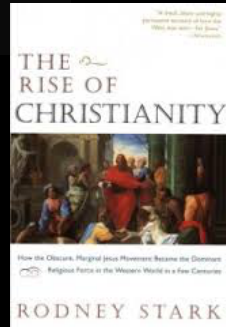
Revelation 22





The success of the West, including the rise of science, rested entirely on religious foundations, and the people who brought it about were devout Christians.

— Rodney Stark —





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“Why, in particular, from about a 100-year period, did Christianity go from being about 6 to 8 percent of the Empire to almost 50 percent?”



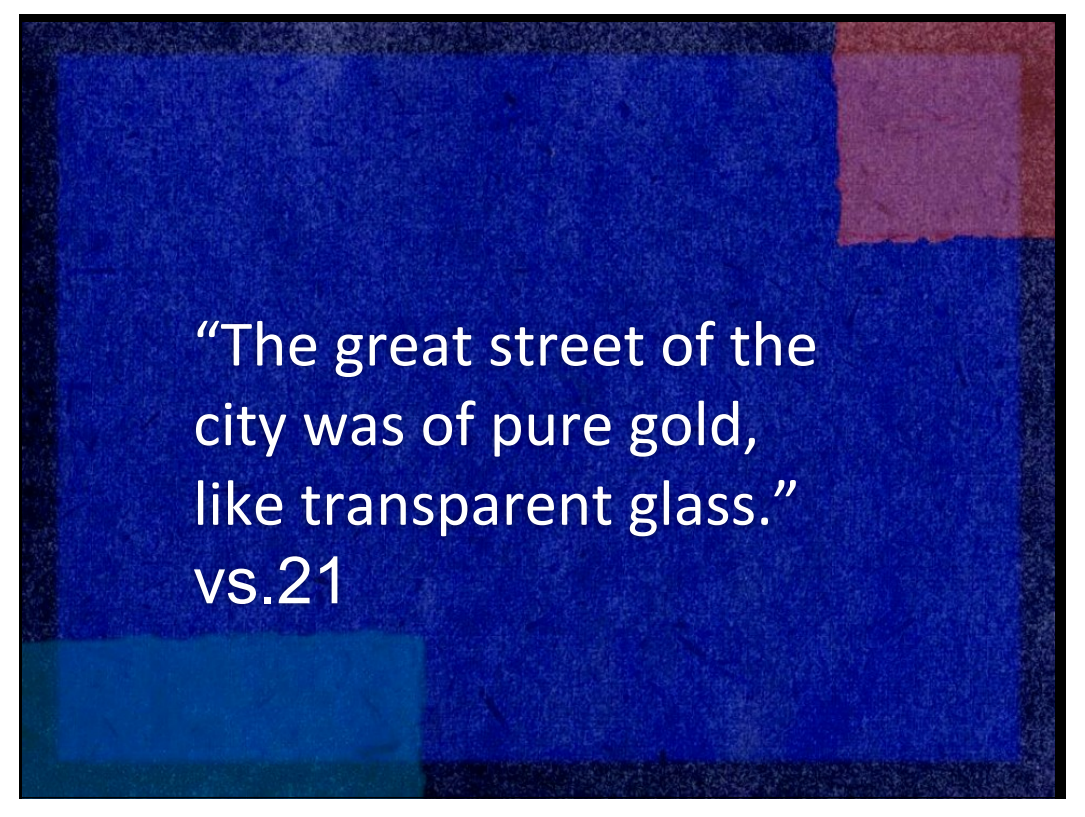
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“Galen lacked belief in life beyond death. The Christians were certain that this life was but prelude. For Galen to have remained in Rome to treat the afflicted would have required bravery far beyond that needed by Christians to do likewise.”



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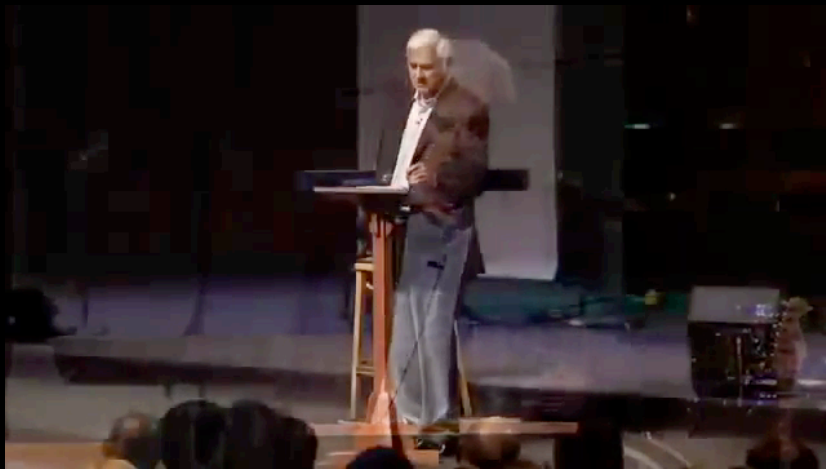
The people who had the plague ... If you just took care of them, if you just fed them, just gave them drink, just gave them warmth, 50 percent of the sick would probably recover.

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“The great street of the
city was of pure gold,
like transparent glass.”
vs.21

Romans 8:18

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”



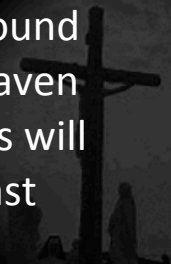
Ravi Zacharias

III. How Should I be Living My Life in Light of Heaven?

1. Don't be Discouraged by Trouble

2 Corinthians 4:16

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our inner strength in the Lord is growing every day. 17 These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever! 18 So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.



Store your treasures in
heaven, where moths and rust
cannot destroy, and thieves
do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:20

Colossians 3:2

Think about the things of heaven,
not the things of earth.

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2. Don't be Distracted by Temptation

1 Peter 2:11

“We’re only visitors here on earth. Since your real home is in heaven, keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they’re not for you, they fight against your very souls.”

“If they had wanted to, they could have gone back to the good things of this world. But they didn’t want to. They were living for heaven.

And now God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has made a heavenly city for them.”

Hebrews 11:15-16 (LB)

III. How Should I be Living My Life in Light of Heaven?

3. Focus Your Energy On What Will Last

1 Corinthians 4:5

So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

Romans 8:1

"There is now no
condemnation to those who
belong Christ Jesus."

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. **16** Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Ephesians 5:15,16

I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:14

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. Revelation 21:22



The city does not need the sun
or the moon to shine on it, for
the glory of God gives it light,
and the Lamb is its lamp.

Revelation 21:23



Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27



Then the angel showed me
the river of the water of life,
as clear as crystal, flowing
from the throne of God and of
the Lamb.

Revelation 22:1



No longer will there be any curse.
The throne of God and of the
Lamb will be in the city, and his
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Revelation 22:3



“Set your mind on things which are above, for when Christ, in whom our life is hid appears, then we will be like him, and we will appear with him in glory.” Colossians 3:2-4

