

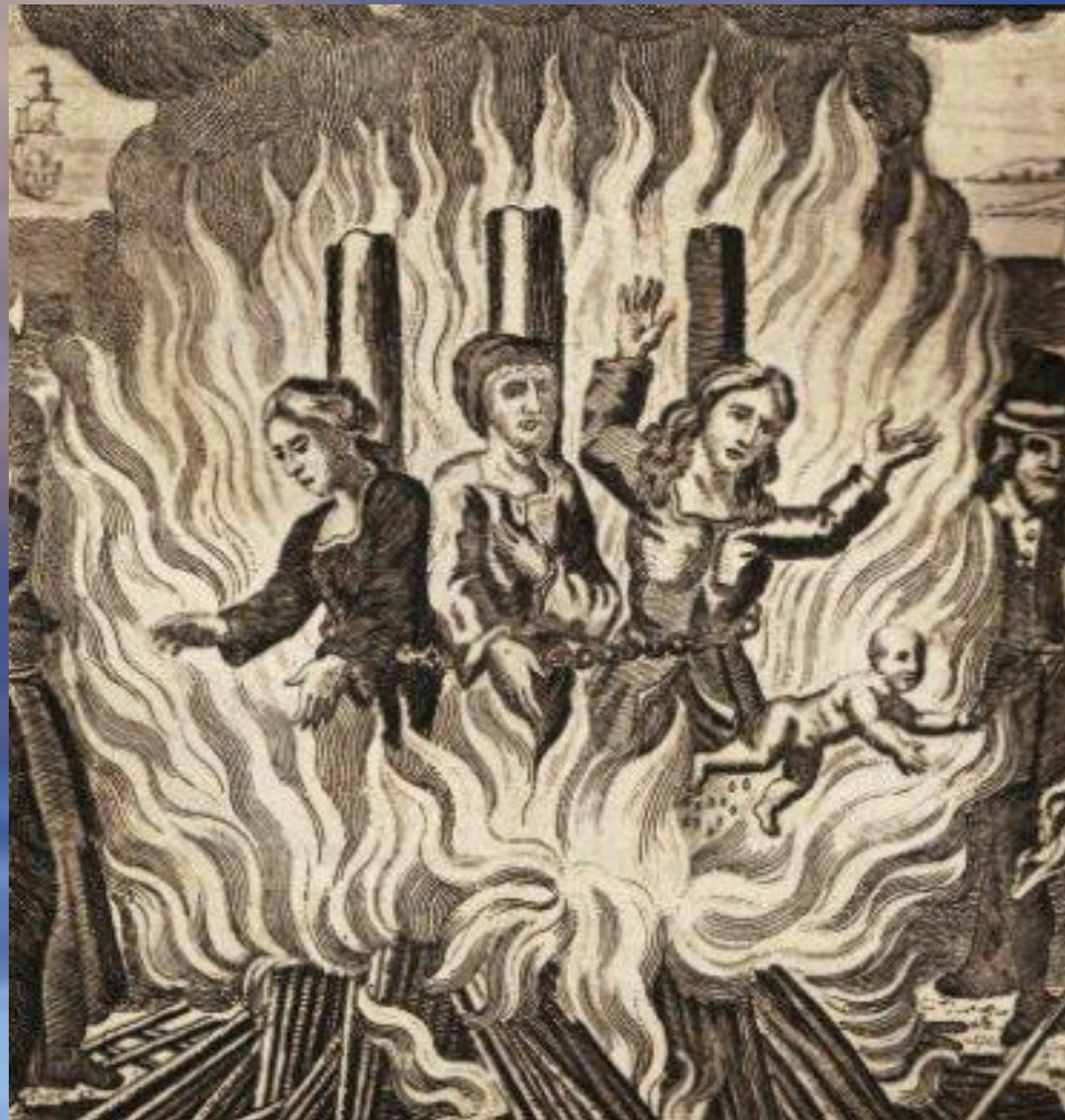


Heaven, The World's Greatest Hope

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What's heaven like?

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- *Like going home*

- John 14:1-3 (NKJV)

- Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
- In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

What's heaven like?

- *Like a reunion*

- Reunion with the righteous people

- Revelation 21:27 (NKJV)

- But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

What's heaven like?

- *Like a fulfillment of a longing*
 - Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)
 - **11** He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also **He has put eternity in their hearts**, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

What's heaven like?

- *Like a fulfillment of a longing*

- Paul said in Philippians 1:23–24 (NKJV)

- **23** For I am hard-pressed between the two, **having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.**

- **24** Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

What's heaven like?

- *Like a fulfillment of a longing*

- John said in Revelation 22:20 (NKJV)

- **20** He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**

What's heaven like?

Like receiving a reward

– **Peace is there**

- Revelation 22:1 (NKJV)

- And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

What's heaven like?

Like receiving a reward

– *Rest is there*

- Revelation 14:13 (NKJV)
 - Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

What's heaven like?

Like receiving a reward

– *Beauty is there*

- Rev 21:9-27

**How will our belief in heaven
help us in this life?**

Help us in this life?

- *Help us to look beyond this life and make the right choices*
 - Hebrews 11:24-26 (NKJV)
 - By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
 - choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
 - esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Help us in this life?

- *Motivate us to reach others*

- Luke 16:27-28 (NKJV)

- Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,
- for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

Help us in this life?

- *Help us resist sin*

- Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

- Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Conclusion

- Want to go to heaven?
- Jesus provides the way