

The Blessed Hope... the Beloved.

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. C. S. Lewis

⁴ How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land? ⁵ If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. ⁶ If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. [Psalm 137](#)

In context of the Feast... *The Last Great Day* (the day immediately following the last day of the 7-day Feast of Tabernacles [Booths]... the 8th day. [Also see the essay... Counting Up.](#)) I've been wondering... did a man come close to experiencing, or describe an example relating to... the blessed hope?

In spite of all the enforced physical and mental primitiveness of the life in a concentration camp, it was possible for spiritual life to deepen. Sensitive people who were used to a rich intellectual life may have suffered much pain (they were often of a delicate constitution), but the damage to their inner selves was less. They were able to retreat from their terrible surroundings to a life of inner riches and spiritual freedom. Only in this way can one explain the apparent paradox that some prisoners of a less hardy makeup often seemed to survive camp life better than did those of a robust nature. In order to make myself clear, I am forced to fall back on personal experience. Let me tell what happened on those early mornings when we had to march to our work site.

There were shouted commands: "Detachment, forward march! Left-2-3-4! Left-2-3-4! Left-2-3-4! Left-2-3-4! First man about, left and left and left and left! Caps off!" These words sound in my ears even now. At the order "Caps off!" we passed the gate of the camp, and searchlights were trained upon us. Whoever did not march smartly got a kick. And worse off was the man who, because of the cold, had pulled his cap back over his ears before permission was given.

We stumbled on in the darkness, over big stones and through large puddles, along the one road leading from the camp. The accompanying guards kept shouting at us and driving us with the butts of their rifles. Anyone with very sore feet supported himself on his neighbour's arm. Hardly a word was spoken; the icy wind did not encourage talk. Hiding his mouth behind his upturned collar, the man marching next to me whispered suddenly: "If our wives could see us now! I do hope they are better off in their camps and don't know what is happening to us."

That brought thoughts of my own wife to mind. And as we stumbled on for miles, slipping on icy spots, supporting each other time and again, dragging one another up and onward, nothing was said, but we both knew: each of us was thinking of his wife. Occasionally I looked at the sky, where the stars were fading and the pink light of the morning was beginning to spread behind a dark bank of clouds. But my mind clung to my wife's image,

imagining it with an uncanny acuteness. I heard her answering me, saw her smile, her frank and encouraging look. Real or not, her look was then more luminous than the sun which was beginning to rise.

A thought transfixed me: for the first time in my life I saw the truth as it is set into song by so many poets, proclaimed as the final wisdom by so many thinkers. The truth—that love is the ultimate and the highest goal to which man can aspire. Then I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and belief have to impart: *The salvation of man is through love and in love*. I understood how a man who has nothing left in this world still may know bliss, be it only for a brief moment, in the contemplation of his beloved. In a position of utter desolation, when man cannot express himself in positive action, when his only achievement may consist in enduring his sufferings in the right way—an honourable way—in such a position man can, through loving contemplation of the image he carries of his beloved, achieve fulfilment. For the first time in my life I was able to understand the meaning of the words, "The angels are lost in perpetual contemplation of an infinite glory."

In front of me a man stumbled and those following him fell on top of him. The guard rushed over and used his whip on them all. Thus my thoughts were interrupted for a few minutes. But soon my soul found its way back from the prisoner's existence to another world, and I resumed talk with my loved one: I asked her questions, and she answered; she questioned me in return, and I answered. "Stop!" We had arrived at our work site. Everybody rushed into the dark hut in the hope of getting a fairly decent tool. Each prisoner got a spade or a pickaxe. [Man's Search For Meaning, Fourth Edition, Part One: Experiences in a Concentration Camp, Viktor E. Frankl](#)

With Viktor's case, it was the intense suffering that brought about His realization of... *thinking about his beloved*. Does this hold true for the believer... the Saint ... in Christ... including Jesus Christ, Himself?

From [the essay... Finding Faith](#) (pp.1-3)...

Does an honorable groom await his wedding day... and, the life with his wife... with joy? Is it unreasonable to think that Jesus... *the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross... could've been anticipating... the marriage of the Lamb... the marriage supper of the Lamb... the Lamb's Wife*—that this was part of His... joy... He drew on to stay faithful becoming the High Priest over the Household of God... *For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth... I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people...*

the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee... In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem... The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing ([Revelation 19:6-9; 21:9; Isaiah 65:17-19; Zephaniah 3:13-17](#))? *Turn Out the Lights*, p. 33.

Faith... those of great faith... the characteristics have been described...

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him...

For he [Abraham] looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God...

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Was their *faith* described as... they endured... *through faith, received not the promise*—a promise they could see... *a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God... (Hebrews 11:1,6-16,39)? Turn Out the Lights, pp. 32-33.*

Abraham and the others saw... *a better country... a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God... so... I asked...*

Is this *city* the... *substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... that's part of faith—to be able to... believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him... ?*

It seems Abraham and the... others... saw something they were *persuaded of*—it kept them motivated to keep walking through *a strange land* called... this world—the current earth. Was this their testimony of... *they knew what they were created for... a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city... ?*

Are the Saints, today, to be inspired by the example of Abraham and the... others... to run same race... *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience 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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds... towards the same promise of... receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken (ASV) (Hebrews 12:1-3,23-29)? Turn Out the Lights, p. 33.*

Did Abraham and *the others*... the examples of our faith... see *the beloved*... *the Lamb's Wife*... as an everlasting relationship with the Groom... Christ Jesus... their *Blessed Hope*... *Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works...*

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God... And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son...

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever... ([Titus 2:12-14](#); [Revelation 21:2-7; 22:3-5](#))?

I don't know if Viktor Frankl recognized and accepted salvation through the Messiah, Yeshua... but, was he exposed to... did He see a glimpse of... *the Blessed Hope*... *The salvation of man is through love and in love*. I understood how a man who has nothing left in this world still may know bliss, be it only for a brief moment, in the contemplation of his beloved... ?

For the Saint... is being able to see... *the beloved*... the benefit of experiencing *loss in this world... the loss of our life... taking up our cross following Christ... Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...*

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ([1 John 2:14-16](#); [Matthew 16:24-26](#))?

Is the Love of Christ... the Life of Christ... the Holy Spirit... in us... our *hope and strength* leading us to *the Blessed Hope*?

⁸ *Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*⁹ *For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*¹⁰ *But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*¹¹ *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*¹² *For now we see*

through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. [1 Corinthians 13](#) (also see [the essay... The Spirit](#))

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) [John 7:37-39](#)

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations... I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. [Revelation 22:1-2;16-17](#)

In other words... when “the score is settled”, will the Holy Spirit be what is “left standing in us” ... or should I say... stand us up before Christ... *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you...*

if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you (NASB)...

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power... ([John 14:16-18](#); [Romans 8:9-11](#); [1 Corinthians 6:14](#)) (also see the [essay... Finding Faith](#))?

In his dark hour, Viktor Frankl recognized the value of... *love... his beloved*. Did he give up... lose... the fallen... condemned... sinful... natural old man from the first Adam... to receive the saved spiritual new man from the sinless second Adam, Jesus Christ—the indwelling of the Holy Spirit given to mankind through acceptance of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice at the cross? Only God... and Viktor... knows.

And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. [Ecclesiastes 12:12-14](#)

I do know I'm married... I have a *beloved*. My wife helps me through my dark hours... not to be compared to the darkness Viktor experienced... but, at some point, I may experience similar... *Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."... The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh (NASB)...*

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me...

Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved ([Genesis 2:18, 21-24; John 16:1-3; Mark 13:12-14](#)). I will need something greater than myself... oil in my lamp... the Holy Spirit... to endure. In some regards, I smile to myself... they're not getting much of a bargain—you'd laugh too if you saw my aging, falling apart, body they'd be getting... and, that's all their getting... nothing but... dirt ([Matthew 10:28](#)).

Man's experience that Viktor described... *the lesser*... is also discussed with *the greater* of... the Word of God... the Holy Bible. There is... *perfect Love... the Beloved*... in the Family of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of Israel—the Father God... the only Begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ... the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit... the Children of God, the Saints... *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him...*

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased...

When He set for the sea its boundary So that the water would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth; Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, Rejoicing in the world, His earth, And having my delight in the sons of men (NASB)...

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light...

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full...

beloved of God, called to be saints...

as the elect of God, holy and beloved...

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies...

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them... ([Matthew 17:4-5](#); [Luke 3:21-22](#); [Proverbs 8:27-31](#); [Genesis 1:1-4](#); [John 15:10-11](#); [Romans 1:6-7](#); [Colossians 3:11-13](#); [Song of Solomon 6:2-4](#); [Revelation 20:9-11](#)).

Man's experience... his wisdom... standing on its own is just an experience... just "noise". When experience points to the Word of God... and, is confirmed throughout in context with co-text with repeated related examples... it can help us grow in Christ.

Some of my favorite words spoken by God... *you will be My people, and I will be your God... God himself shall be with them*—some of the very words describing the New Covenant made with the House of Israel and the House of Judah... *My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore... you will be My people, and I will be your God* [Ezk 36:28\(NASB\)](#)... also some of the words describing the New Jerusalem... *the Lamb's Wife... the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.... I will be his God, and he shall be my son... And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof ([Ezekiel 37:26-28, 12-14](#); [34:23-31](#); [36:24-28](#); [Revelation 21:2-7,22-23](#)). As a Gentile Greek, I'm grafted into the New Covenant by the grace of God through Jesus Christ...so... when I see these words, I think of... *the Blessed Hope*.*

I'd be remiss if I ended without discussing the threat to *the Blessed Hope*.

When we seek the genuine *Wisdom of God... enjoy the wife of our youth...* we'll reject the imposter... strange woman... seductress... the harlot spirituality, faiths, and movements... *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids...*

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words...

Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her

love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?... (Proverbs 6:23-25; 7:4-5; 5:16-20).

The mysticism... the “new” revelations, visions, and dreams that can’t be soundly proven in the Word of God... *doctrines of demons...* can sound like “Jesus” speaking about “love” until... *the dark hour* of our life arrives. When it’s all on the line... you’ll find the “kiss” from the imposter bride... the harlot... *is one of death... For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell (Proverbs 5:3-5).*

The *adulteress* doesn’t really care about your future or that of the children and children’s children... the next generation(s)... only what’s in it for her alone—she’s just a “gold digger”. It shouldn’t be shocking... remember... Judas really didn’t care about the poor... *Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein (John 12:1-6).* With a whore—when you need *true love and support...* it just won’t be there... only the knife for your back... *her end is... sharp as a two-edged sword...*

With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life (Proverbs 5:4; 7:21-23).

The *strange woman* can imitate and distort God’s Word attempting to become God... but, for those hungering for *the Truth... True Love... the Beloved...* the desire only grows for the wealth and purity of *the genuine precious stones and gold* of the Lamb’s Wife... *that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal... And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones... And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass (Revelation 21:10-11, 19-21).* Our desire is for the Great... *I AM THAT I AM...* the God of Israel... *that God will be our God...* and, *we will be His people.*

Jesus Christ is called... *the Branch of righteousness... The LORD our righteousness... the Sun of righteousness...* His... *countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength (Jeremiah 23:3-6; 33:14-16; Malachi 4:1-3; Revelation 1:16).*

I’m reminded of this when I read... *Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun: But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity (Ecclesiastes 11:7-8).* If we can still feel *the sun* on our faces, we have a chance to experience *the Light of God... the Life of Christ... the Holy Spirit...* in our hearts by accepting Jesus Christ’s sacrifice at the cross. If we have... we continue to prepare for day we’ll see *the Sun... the Son of God... the Light... the Glory*

of God... God, Himself... And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof ([John 12:45-47](#); [Revelation 21:22-23](#)).

So... we work before the sun sets... the night cometh, when no man can work...

Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light...

behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation—we work while it's still day... the sun is still shining... Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness... But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ... ([John 9:4](#); [12:34-36](#); [2 Corinthians 6:1-2](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:5-9](#)).

If we don't make hay while the sun shines... we reject Jesus Christ... we don't act as Children of Light... so... we'll never shine. We'll face darkness for eternity where there's no Light... All that cometh is vanity—an existence of torment and emptiness... And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth...

Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core... These are spots in your feasts of charity... foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever... How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit... ([Matthew 25: 14-30](#); [Jude 1:11-13, 16-19](#)).

No matter who we are... where we're at... the days seem to be getting darker... let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity... the hour draws closer. Do we have the... True Blessed Hope... to encourage us to stay faithful while we await Jesus Christ's return to setup His Kingdom where He will reign as King of kings... Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works...

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God...

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish...

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God ([Titus 2:12-14](#); [Colossians 3:1-3](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#); [Revelation 19:7-9](#))?

Speaking for myself... *I hope in... the Blessed Hope.*

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. [1 John 4:17-19](#).

I'm still learning... subject to correction... checkout the scriptures in context to verify for yourself.

[From the essay... Counting Up](#) (p16)...

We were created on the 6th day—our... body... soul... spirit—and, if we stay in this natural state, we act like the natural beast also created on the 6th day.

If we accept Jesus Christ... we “rest in His work” as He did on the 7th day.

Now... we rest in hope we'll be resurrected like He was on the 8th day (the 1st day of a new week)... to be His Wife... *if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.* (Romans 8:17).

Resting in Jesus Christ and “counting up” is the way to go—trusting in man and the world while “counting down” gives us... no hope!

All text reference scripture quoted or discussed is King James Version unless otherwise noted. Bold, colored lettering, brackets [my understanding of things right now... or possible cross-reference], and underline—mine.

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