
ISAIAH: BEHOLD YOUR GOD
New Heavens and a New Earth
God's Promise of a Restored Creation and Eternal Worship.
Sunday, November 8, 2026 | Message by Ron Milne
Isaiah 65:17–25; 66:22–23
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God is not merely going to repair this broken He is going to make all things new.

Come further up, come further in!
— C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

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1. The Promise of a New Creation

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
(Isaiah 65:17)

The Genesis Connection

The Hebrew verb for create mirrors Genesis 1:1. The Creator is speaking a second, flawless creation into existence where the old order of sin, pain, and death is eclipsed by joy.



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The Anticipation

We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

— 2 Peter 3:13

The Reality

I saw a new heaven and a new earth... the dwelling place of God is with man. He will wipe away every tear... death shall be no more... Behold, I am making all things new.

— Revelation 21:1-5

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The Prophetic Perspective: Two Mountain Peaks

New Heavens and New Earth
(Rev 21 / Isaiah 65:17-19)

- The Eternal State
- Death is completely defeated
- Total perfection

Christ's Millennial Kingdom
(Rev 20 / Isaiah 65:20-25)

- People live long lives
- Nature is at peace
- Death and sin still exist



Prophets saw the future like a single horizon, blending the Millennium and Eternity into one glorious vision of restored creation.

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2. The Pleasure of God's People: Purposeful Work (Isaiah 65:21–23)

Curse Reversed

The Fall (Genesis 3)	The Restoration
• Futile labor • Collapsed dreams • Fatigue • Building for others to inhabit	• Joyful purpose • Eternal significance • Labor never in vain • They shall build houses and inhabit them

God created us not merely to exist but to delight in displaying His glory in all that we do.
— John Piper



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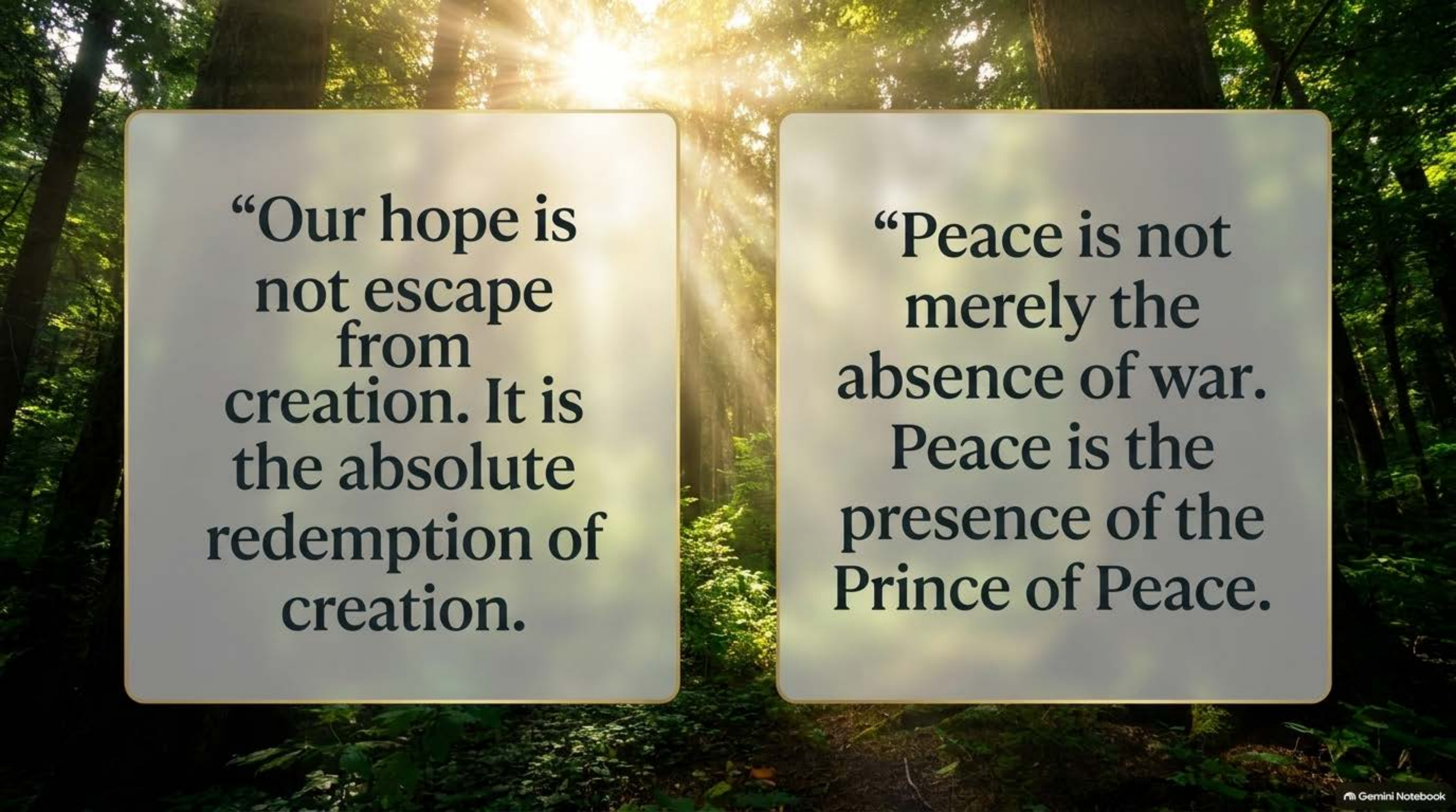


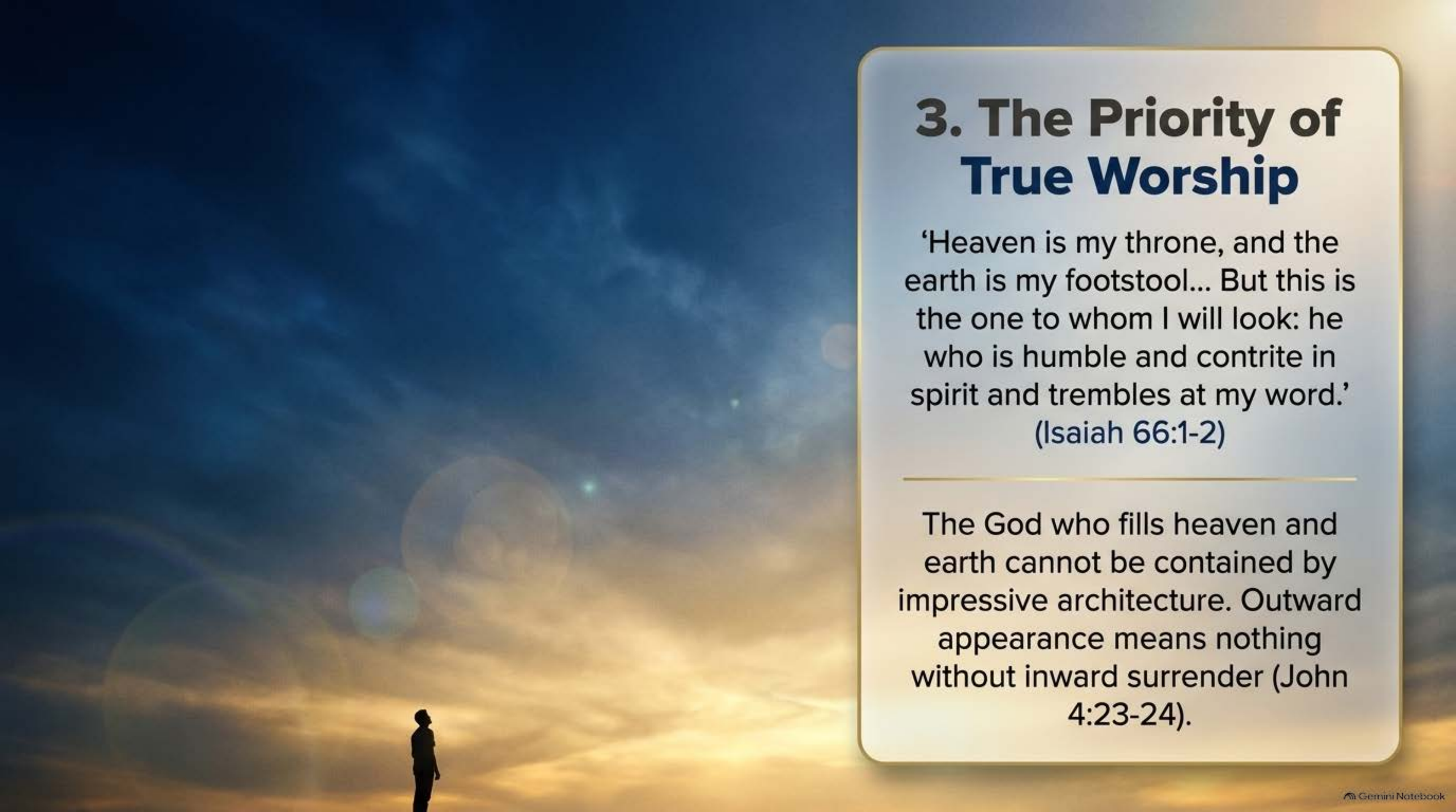
Perfect Peace in Creation

The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox...
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain.
(Isaiah 65:25)

Creation itself is set free from its bondage to corruption. The predator-prey dynamic is erased by the Creator who delights in restoring what has been broken.

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“Our hope is not escape from creation. It is the absolute redemption of creation.
“Peace is not merely the absence of war. Peace is the presence of the Prince of Peace.
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3. The Priority of True Worship

‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool… But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.’ (Isaiah 66:1-2)

The God who fills heaven and earth cannot be contained by impressive architecture. Outward appearance means nothing without inward surrender (John 4:23-24).

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“Without worship, we go about miserable.”

— A.W. Tozer

Beautiful buildings, music, and preaching are gifts. But the greatest offering we bring each Sunday is not our voice or our money. It is ourselves. We were created to worship.

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4. The Permanence of God's Kingdom (Isaiah 66:22–23)

For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

Earthly Empires

- Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Rome
- Chapters in a history book

The Eternal State

- God's Kingdom remains forever
- Not idleness or endless isolation, but joyful, unceasing worship

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The Dominion (Daniel 7:14)

His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

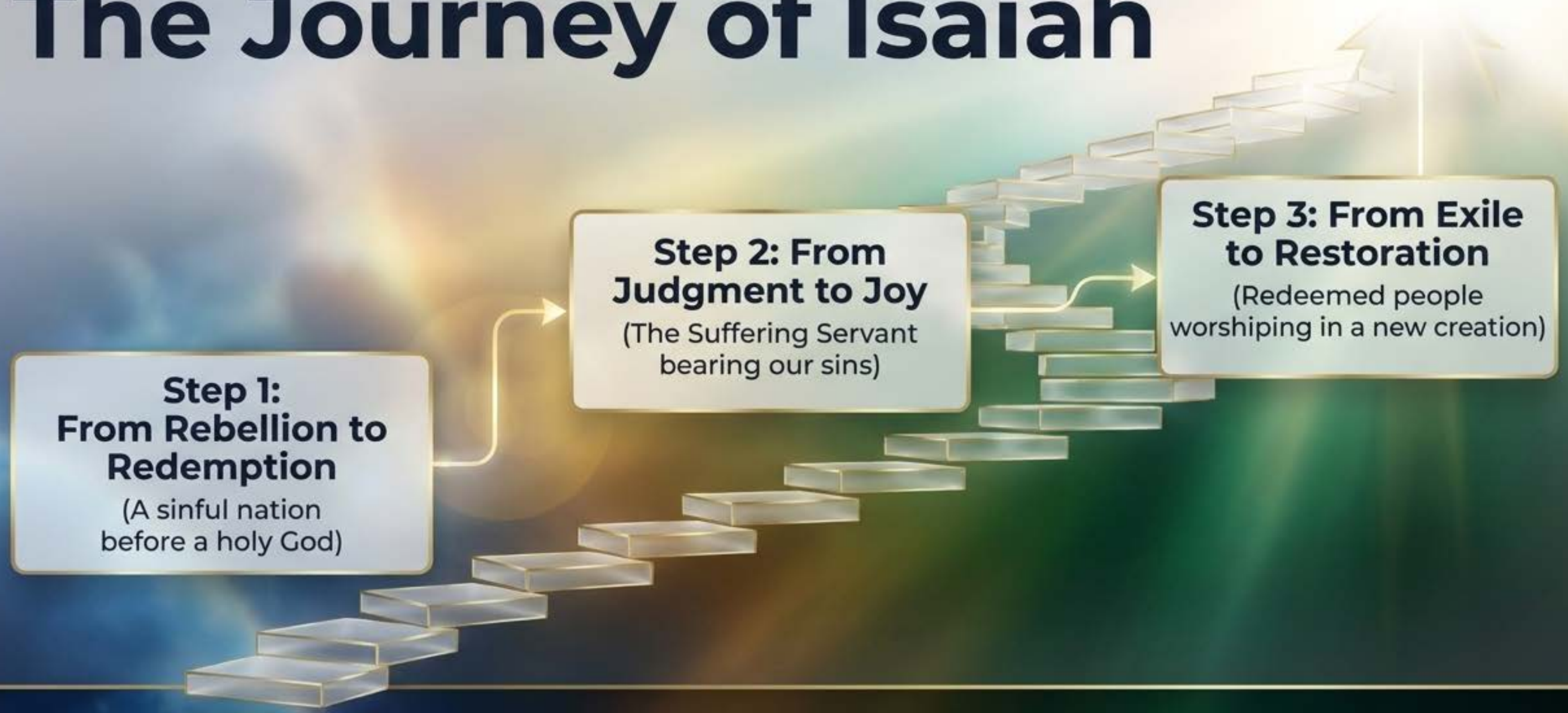
The Light (Revelation 22:4-5)

They will see his face... they will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The One whom we have worshiped imperfectly by faith,
we shall **worship perfectly by sight.**

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The Journey of Isaiah



"For all the promises of God find their Yes in him." (2 Corinthians 1:20)

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The Offer of a New Heart

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart..."
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

- The God who promises a new **creation** first offers a **new heart**.
- The King who will one day reign over all the earth now invites you to receive **His mercy**.

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Even so, come,
Lord Jesus.
Revelation 22:20
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