



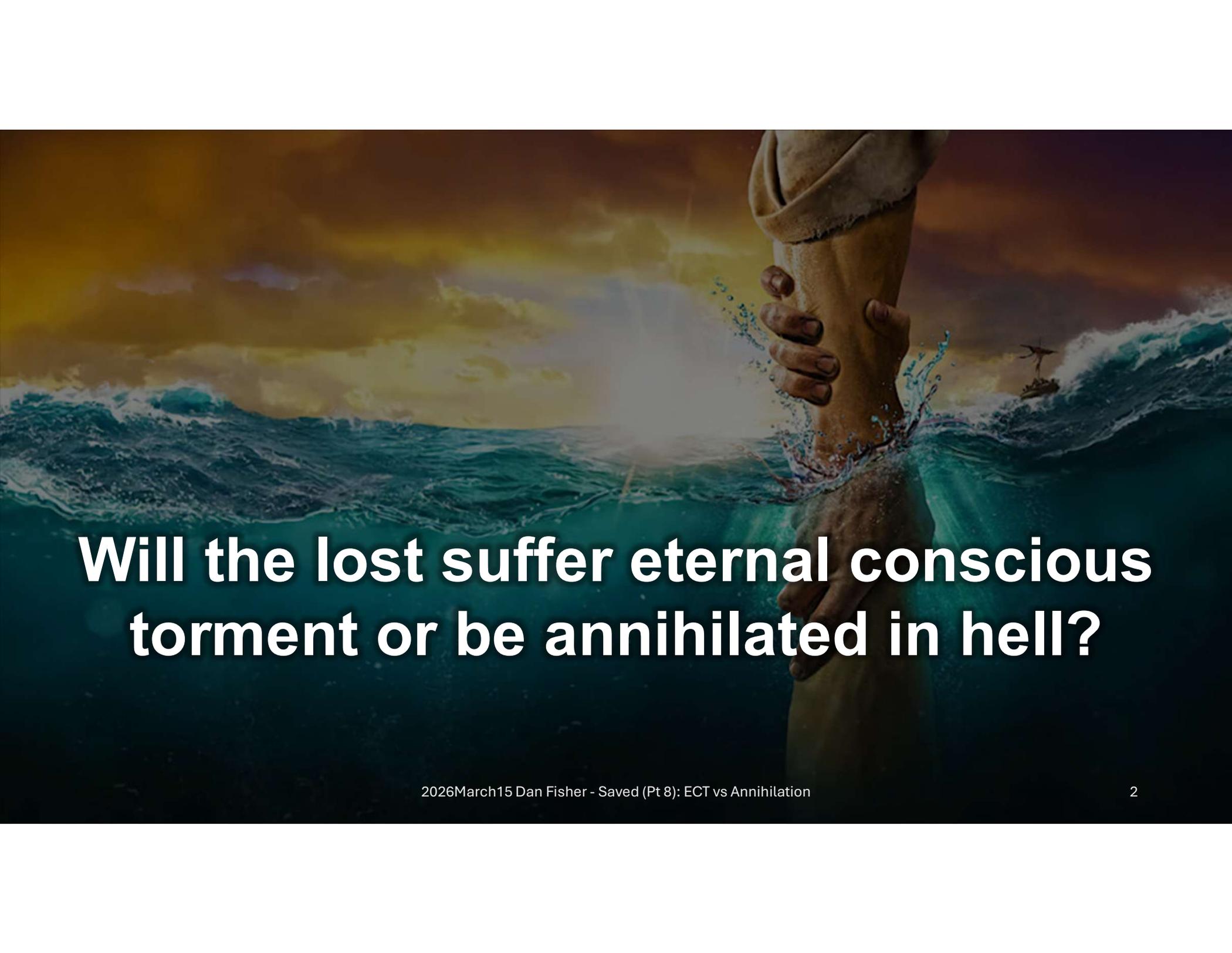
# Saved

**Election**

**Eternal security**

**Ending life by suicide**

**Eternal conscious torment vs. annihilation**

A dramatic painting of a stormy sea. In the foreground, a hand reaches out from the water, grasping another hand. The water is turbulent with white-capped waves. In the background, a small boat is visible on the horizon under a dark, stormy sky. The overall mood is one of struggle and hope.

**Will the lost suffer eternal conscious torment or be annihilated in hell?**



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More than 150,000 people die every day –  
that's more than 4.5 million every month



“Billy, you better tone it down a little bit. You're rubbing the cat the wrong way.”

Billy said, “Well, that old cat is headed towards hell! If she'll head the other way, I'll be rubbing her the right way.”

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We go to hell primarily because of the sins we commit

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Eternal conscious torment punishment does not fit the crime

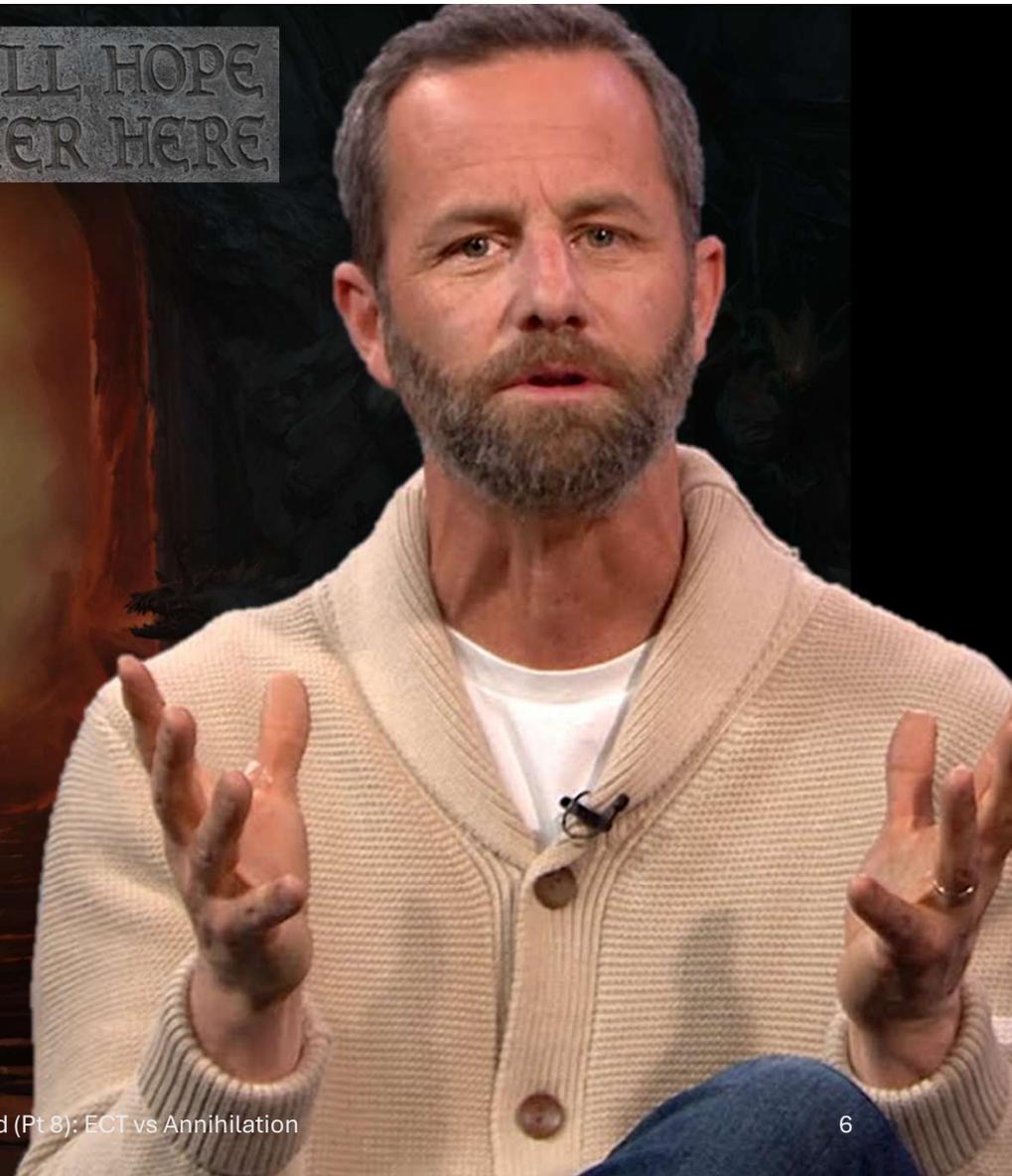
ECT punishment is cruel and unusual

ECT makes hell an eternal “BBQ”

The human soul is not immortal, only the saved live eternally while the unsaved eventually cease to exist

The fires of hell are “unquenchable” but the fuel (the lost) is not

God keeps people alive in hell so they can be tormented forever



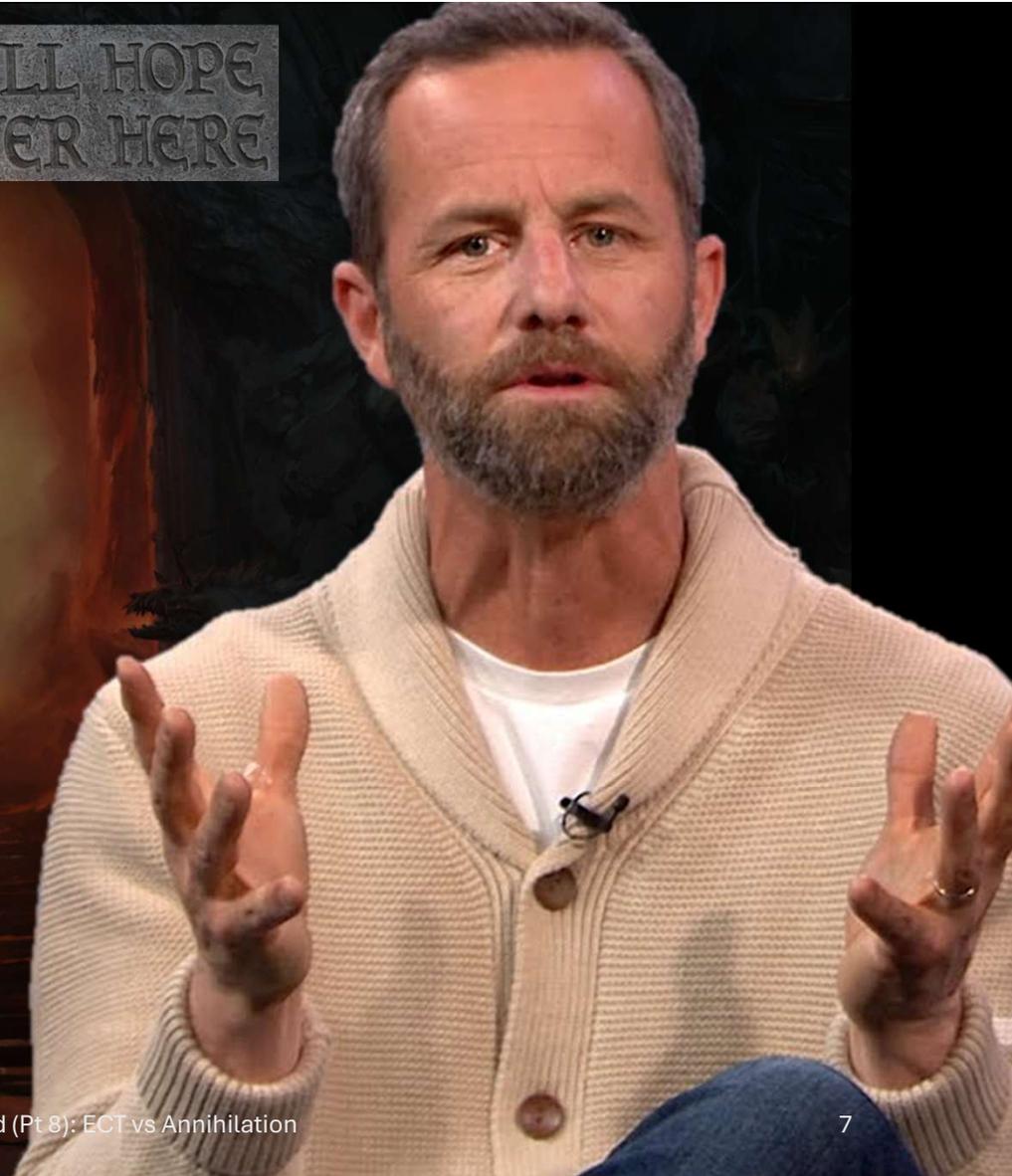
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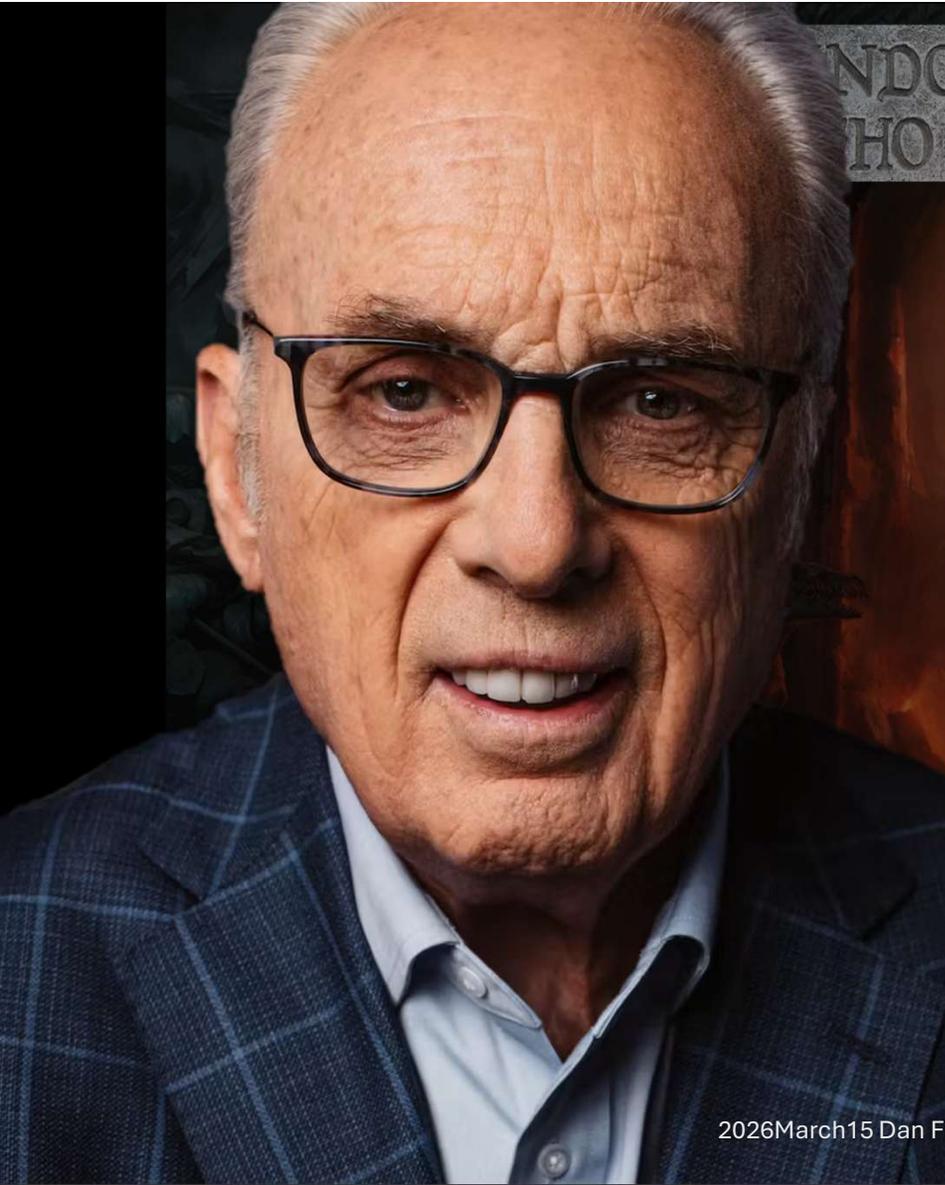
Eternal conscious torment contradicts  
God's character

Eternal punishment is similar to capital  
punishment now – the guilty cease to  
exist

“God is not a megalomaniacal person in  
the sky who all He wants to do is punish  
sin!” James Cameron

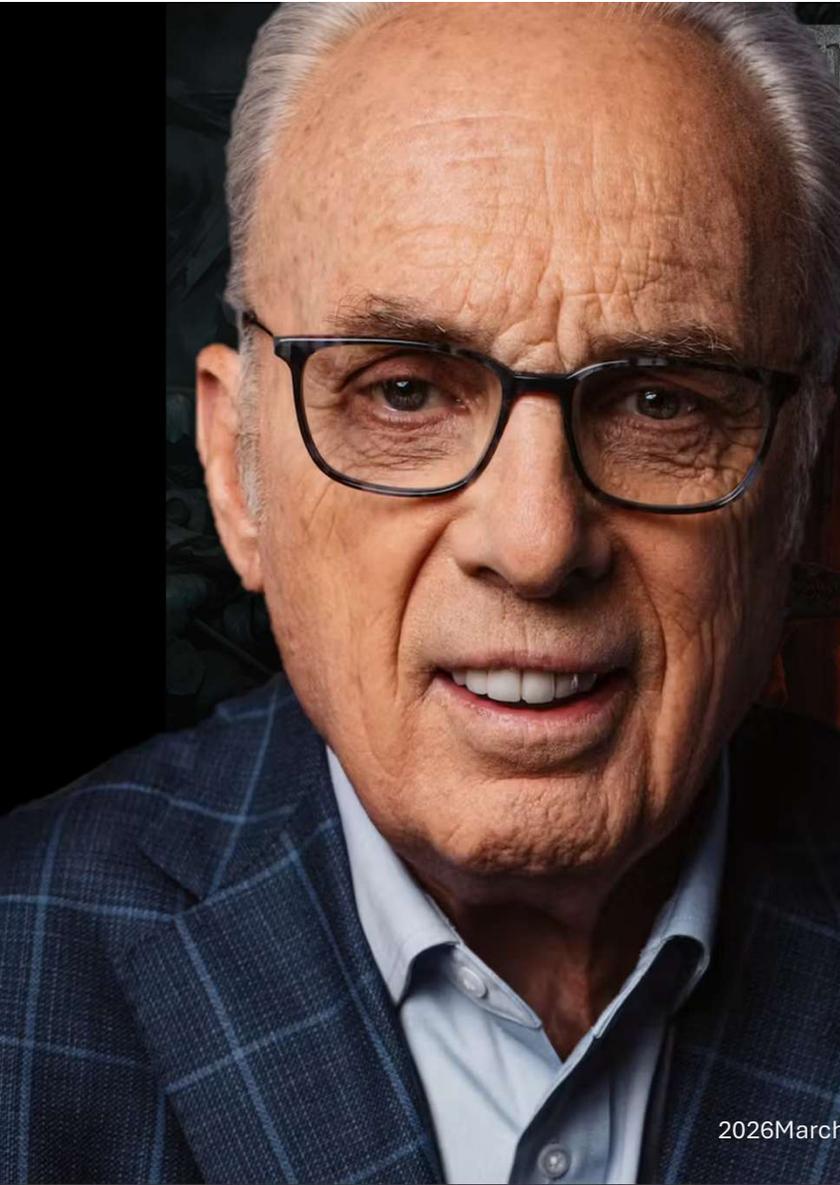
Every lost person will receive their due  
punishment and then be annihilated





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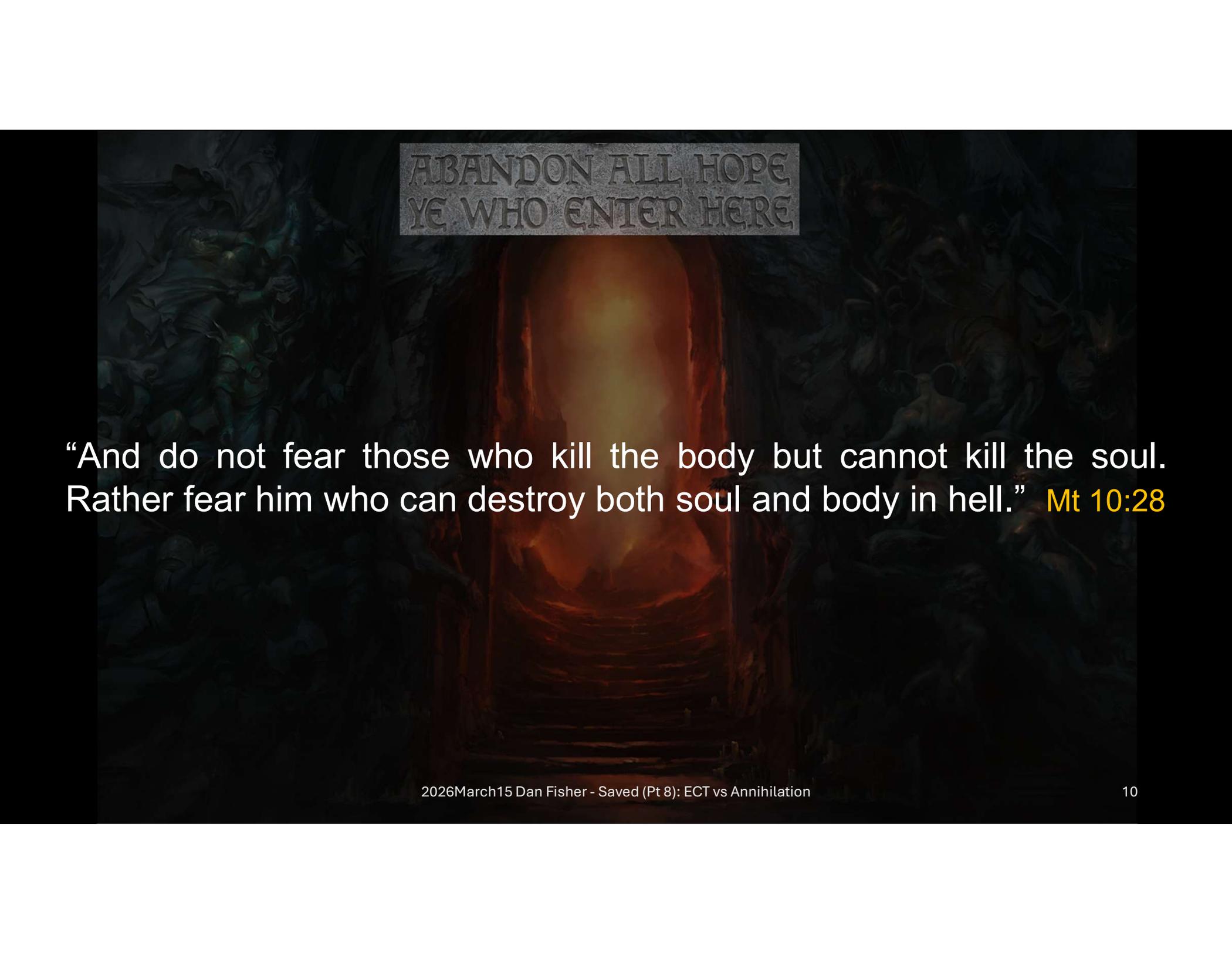
“Though every New Testament author acknowledges the doctrine of hell, Jesus has the most to say about it. Jesus was a hellfire preacher. The existence of hell wasn’t something He questioned, debated, or defended, and He certainly didn’t apologize for it. He assumed the reality of hell just as much as He did the resurrection. Jesus viewed hell as a real place. [I]n fact, He’s the *model* on how you should think about hell. When Jesus talked about hell, His purpose was always to warn, not to raise questions or plant doubts.



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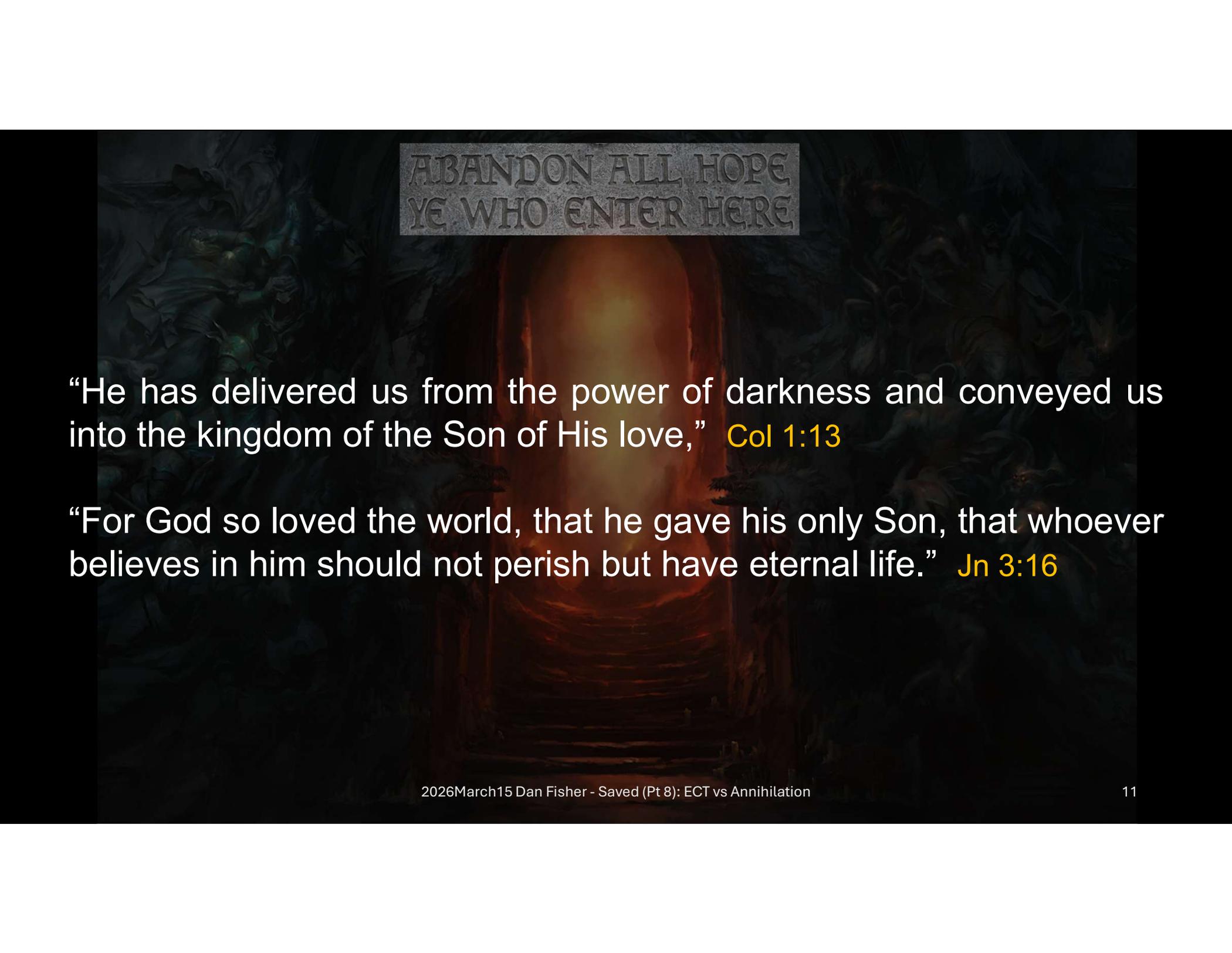
Consider the graphic words He used to portray hell—they clearly aren't meant to provide comfort, but to frighten. According to Jesus, hell is a place of outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Hell is a fiery furnace of unquenchable fires. Hell is a place of spiritual and bodily destruction where there are endless torments. Hell is most certainly a place, a horrific place where agonizing conditions exist. John MacArthur

“The Truth About Hell,” John MacArthur, Apr 30, 2011  
<https://www.gty.org/blogs/B110430/the-truth-about-hell>



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“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.  
Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” **Mt 10:28**



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“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,” **Col 1:13**

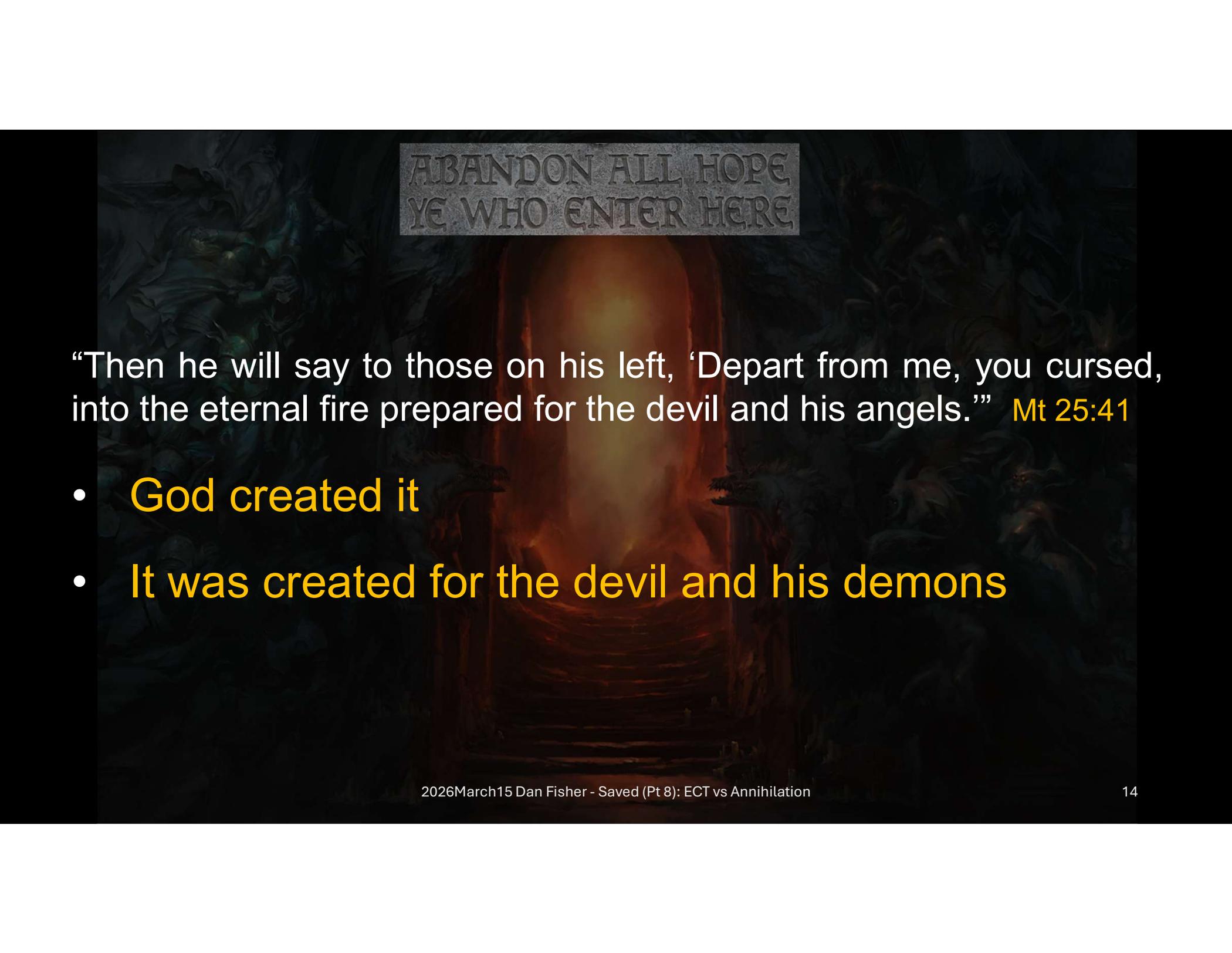
“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” **Jn 3:16**

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We are saved from sin and hell

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# 1. Why is hell?



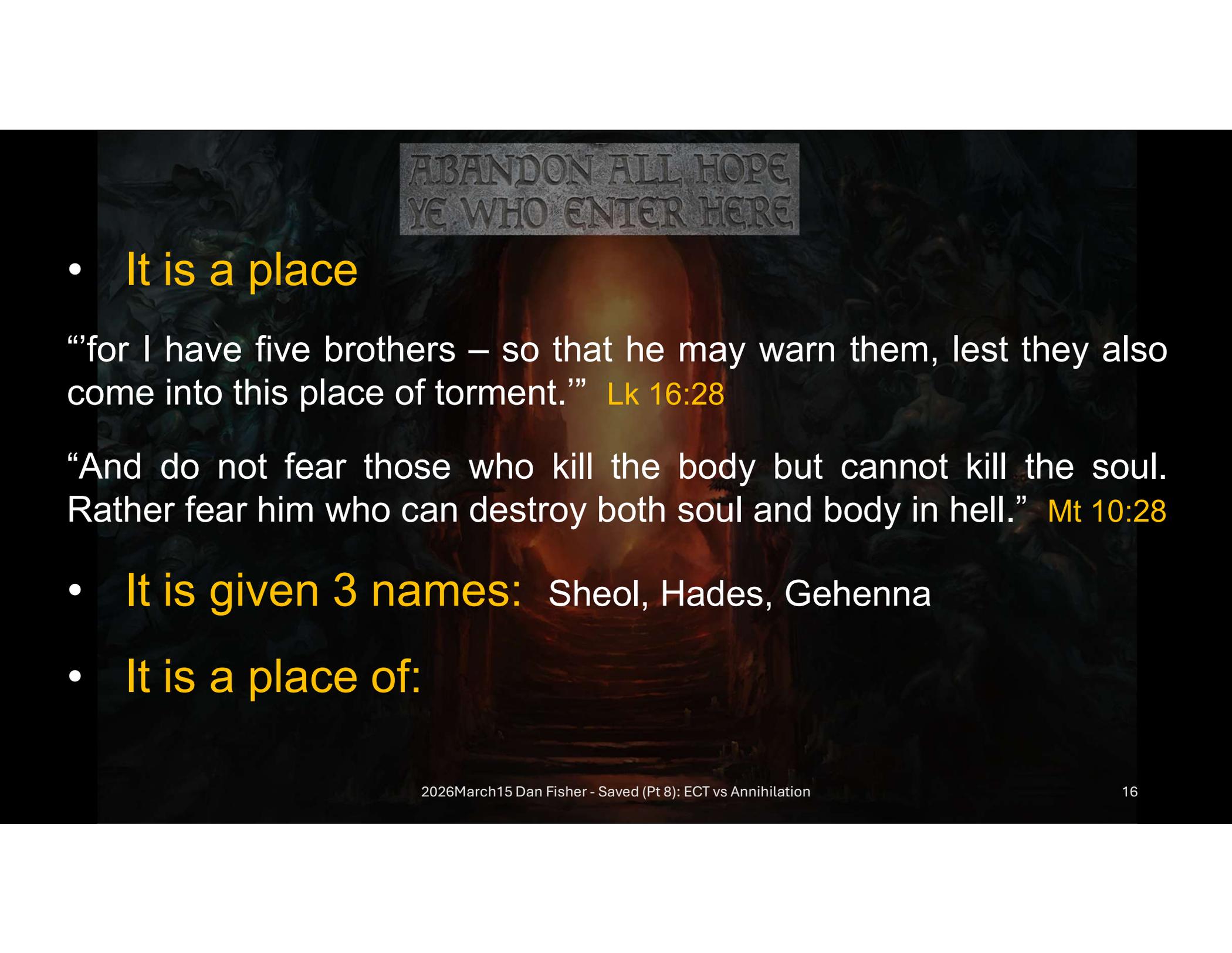
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“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” **Mt 25:41**

- **God created it**
- **It was created for the devil and his demons**

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## 2. What is hell?



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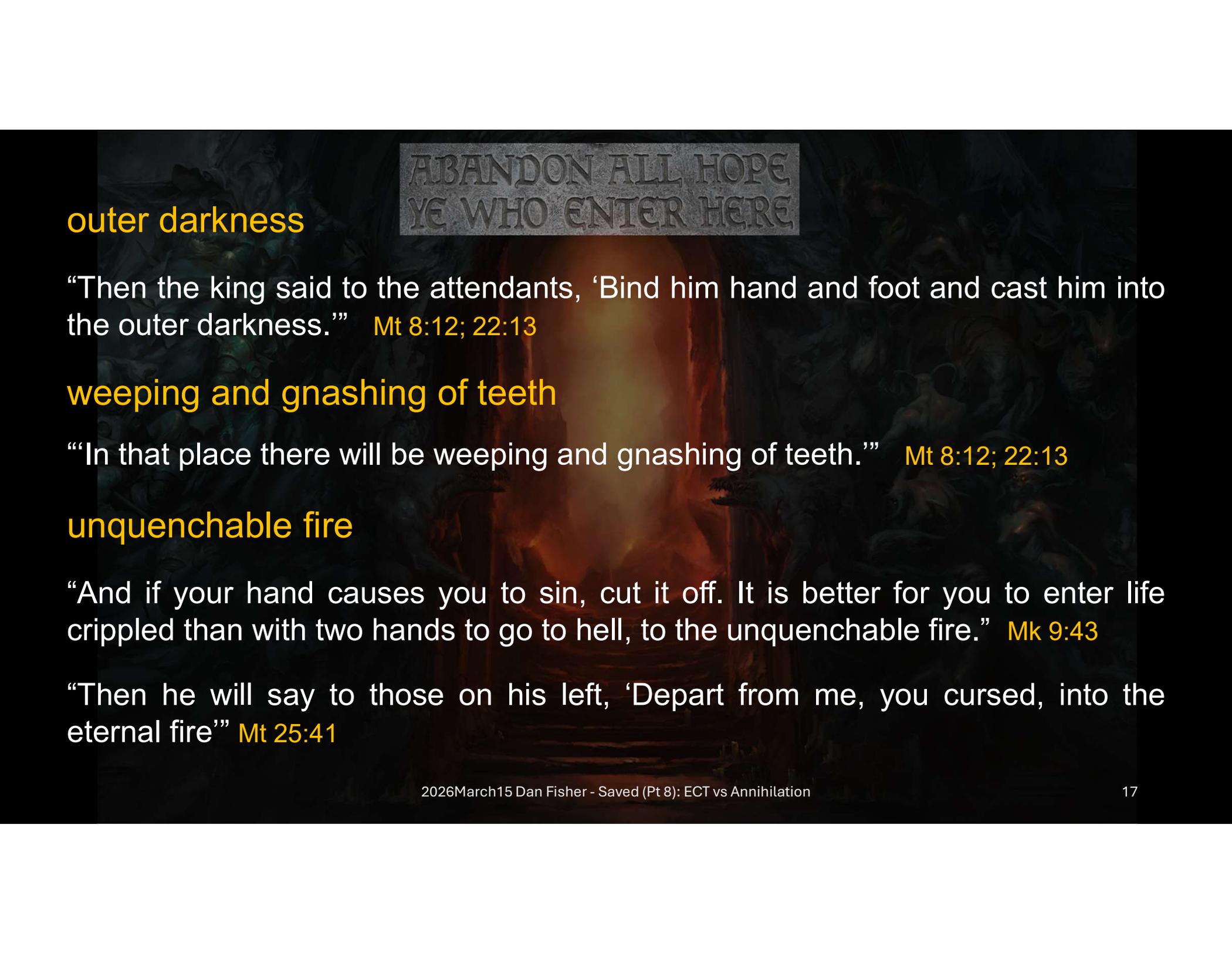
- **It is a place**

“for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.” **Lk 16:28**

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” **Mt 10:28**

- **It is given 3 names:** Sheol, Hades, Gehenna

- **It is a place of:**



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## outer darkness

“Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness.’” **Mt 8:12; 22:13**

## weeping and gnashing of teeth

“In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” **Mt 8:12; 22:13**

## unquenchable fire

“And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.” **Mk 9:43**

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire’” **Mt 25:41**

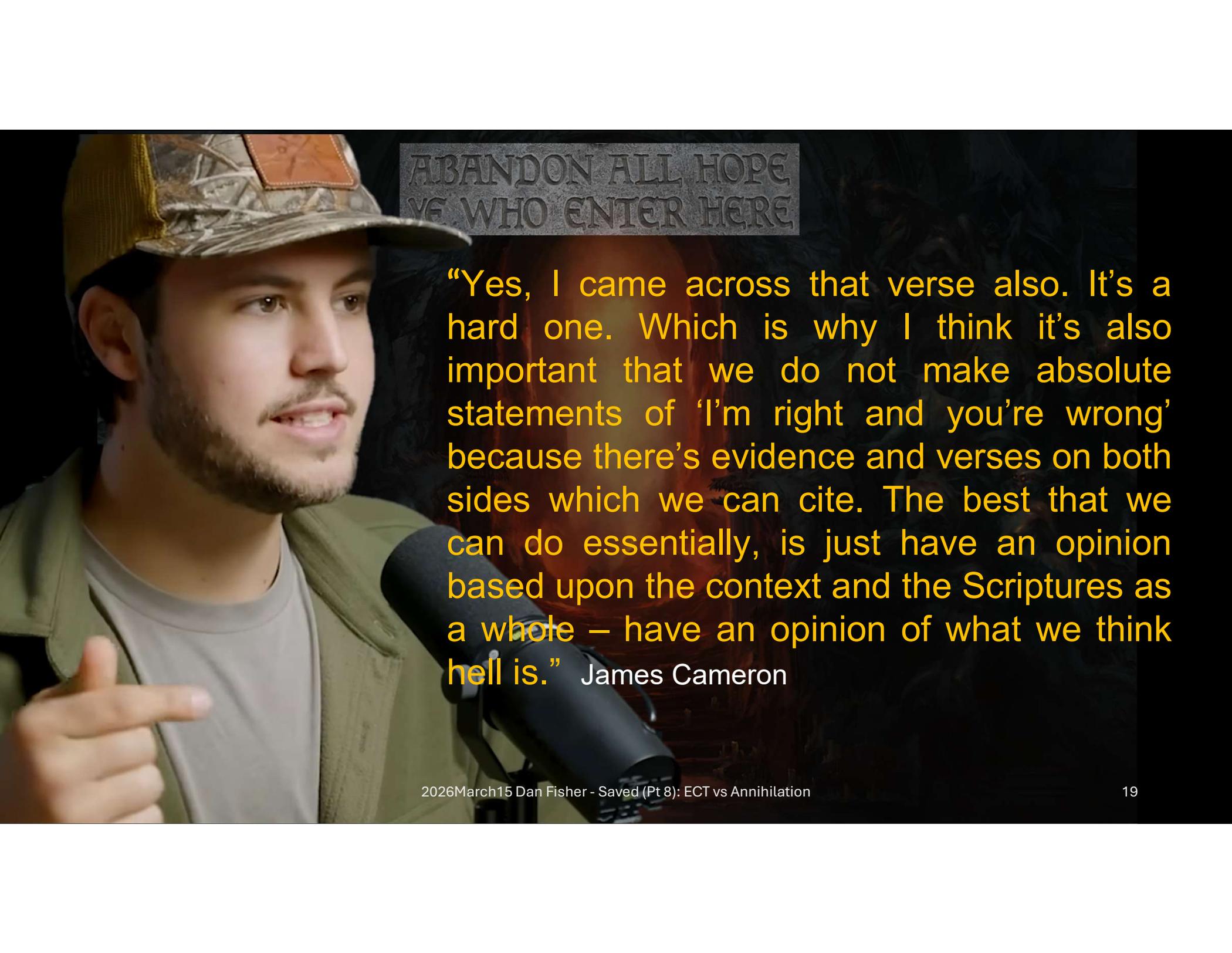
## endless torment

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“And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’” **Lk 16:23-24**

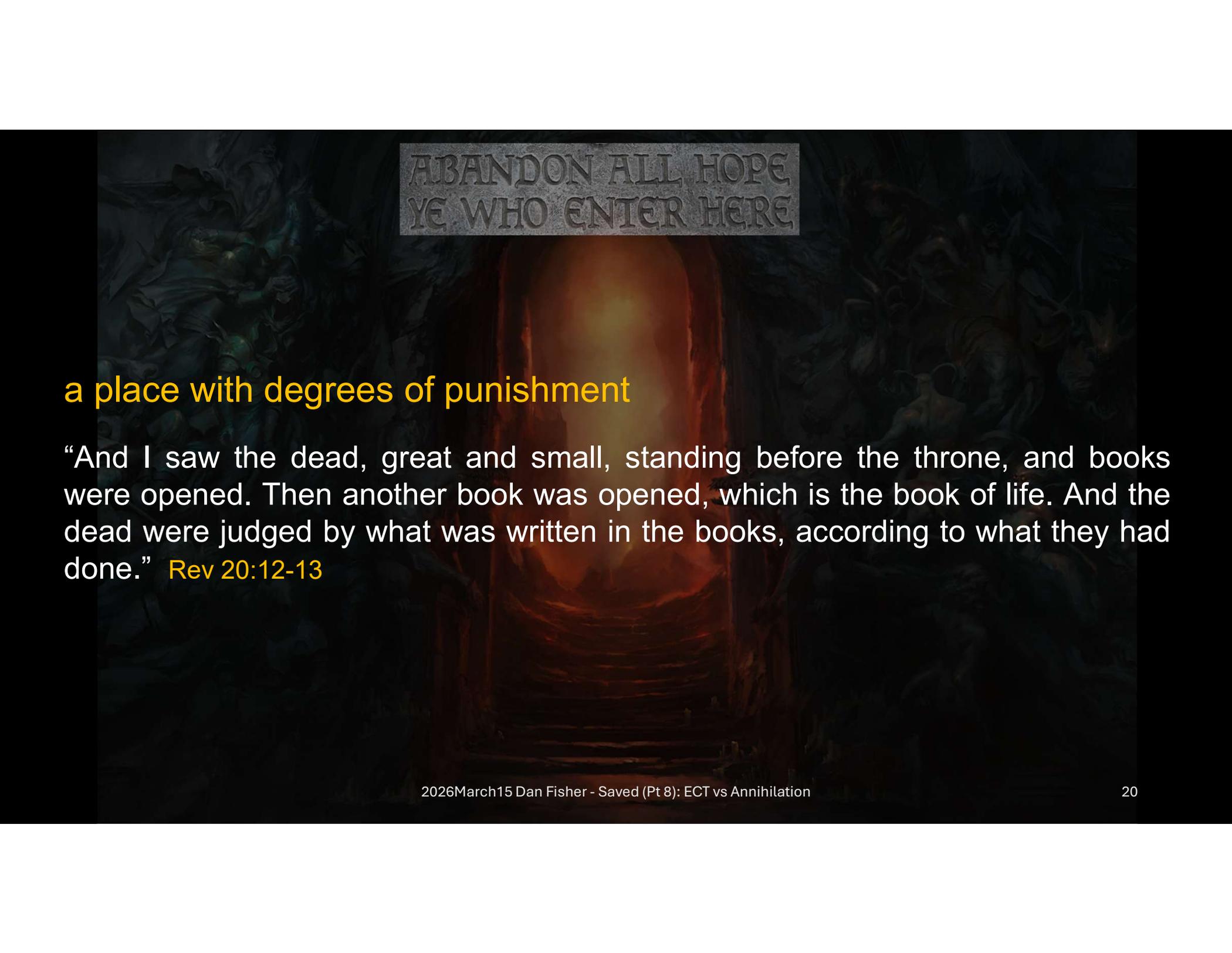
“And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.” **Rev 14:9-11**

“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are [were placed]. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” **Rev 20:10**

A man with a beard, wearing a camouflage-patterned military-style cap and a green jacket over a grey t-shirt, is speaking into a black microphone. He is pointing his right index finger towards the right. In the background, there is a stone plaque with the text "ABANDON ALL HOPE YE WHO ENTER HERE" carved into it. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a cave.

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“Yes, I came across that verse also. It’s a hard one. Which is why I think it’s also important that we do not make absolute statements of ‘I’m right and you’re wrong’ because there’s evidence and verses on both sides which we can cite. The best that we can do essentially, is just have an opinion based upon the context and the Scriptures as a whole – have an opinion of what we think hell is.” James Cameron



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## a place with degrees of punishment

“And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.” **Rev 20:12-13**

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“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.” **Mt 11:20-24**

“And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. <sup>48</sup> But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required,” **Lk 12:47-48**

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### 3. Who in hell?

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“Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ... <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” **Mt 25:32-33,45**

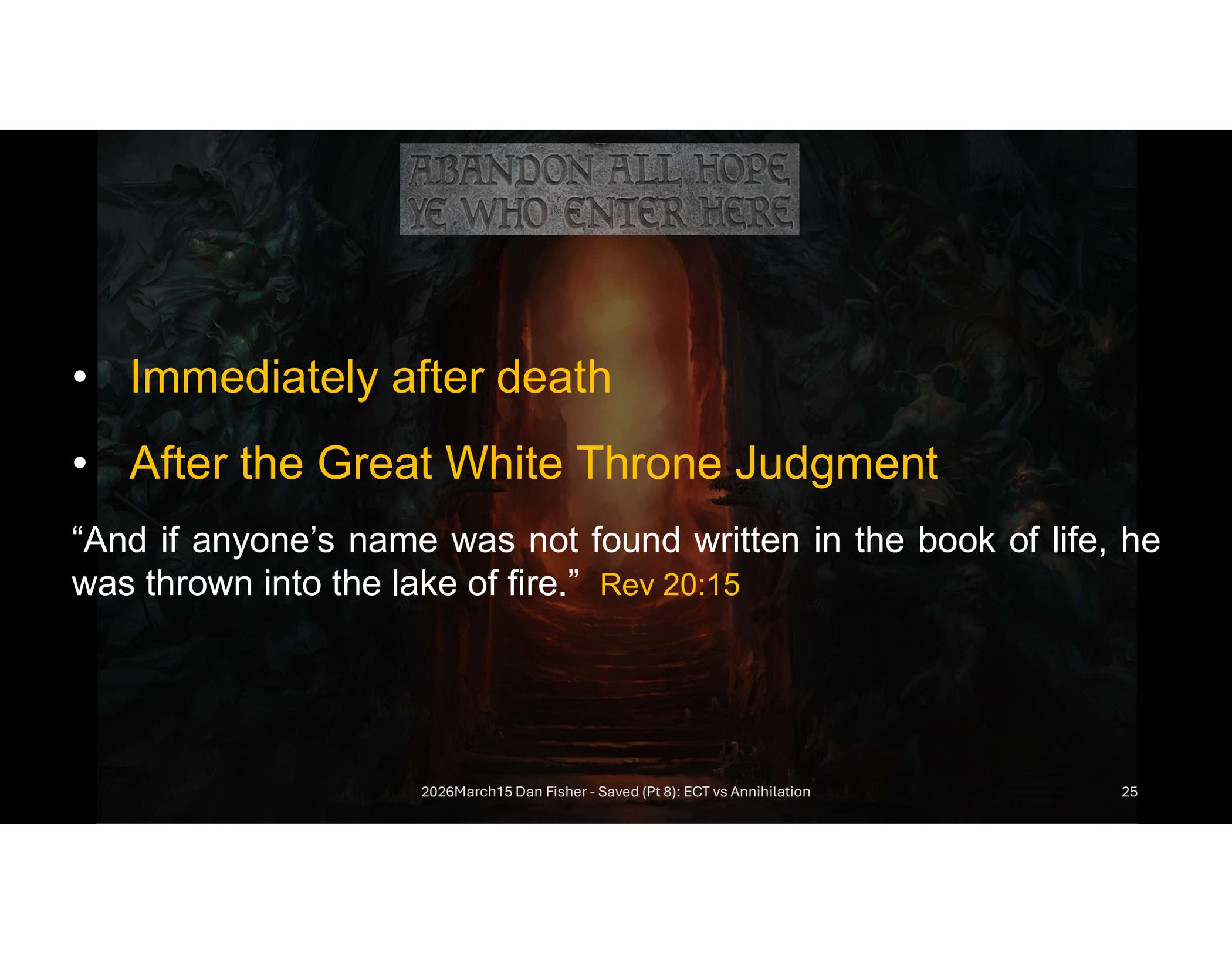
“The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment,”

**Lk 16:22-23**

“And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” **Rev 20:15**

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## 4. When is hell?



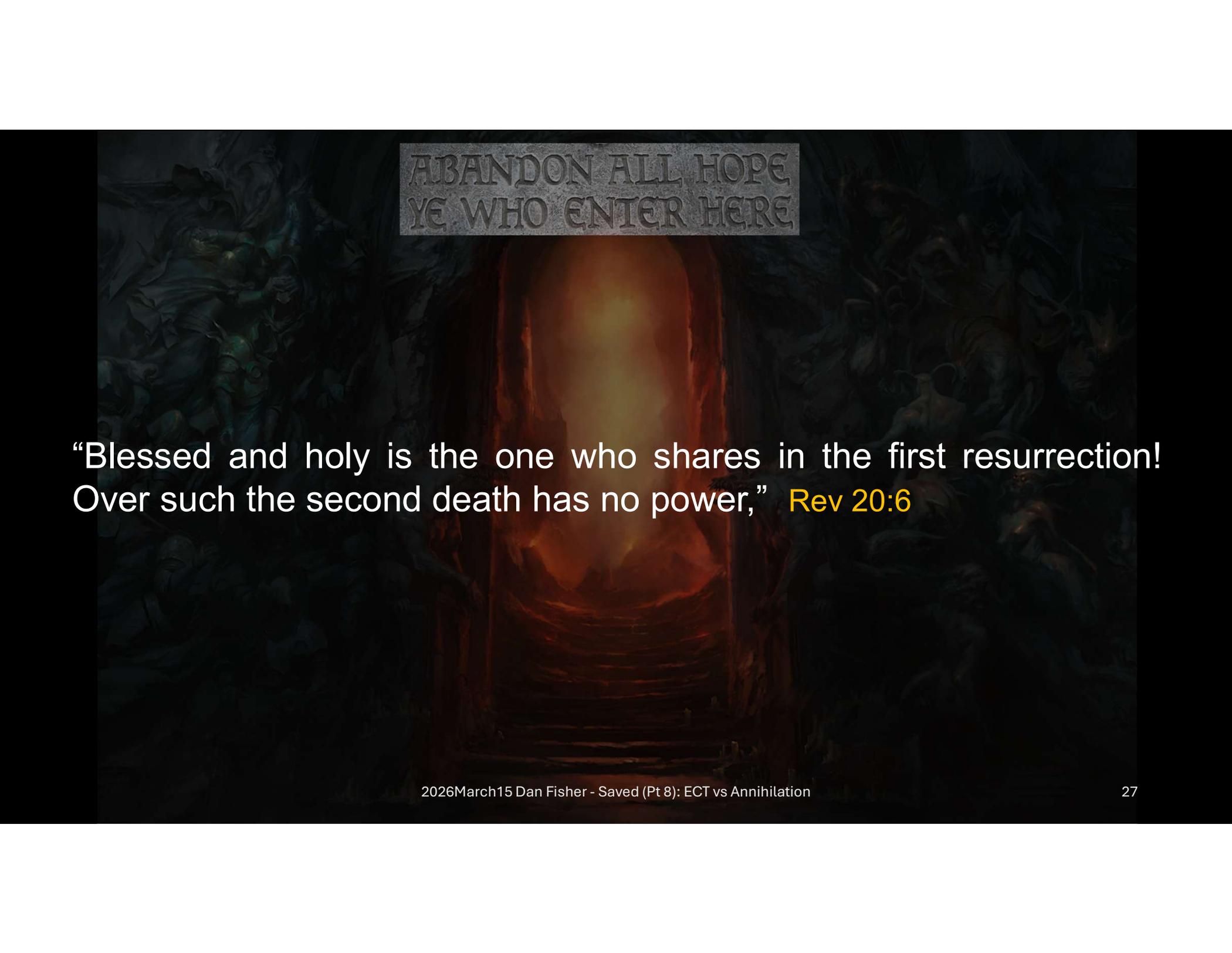
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- Immediately after death
- After the Great White Throne Judgment

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Rev 20:15

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## 5. Who escapes hell?



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“Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection!  
Over such the second death has no power,” [Rev 20:6](#)

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“When God made the human soul, God made it in His own image, and our souls could never cease to exist, any more than God could cease to exist. Our souls will go on – endless, timeless, dateless, and measureless. When the sun, moon, and stars have grown cold, our souls will still be in existence. There was a time when we were not. There never will be a time when we are not. Our souls will exist forever, either in Heaven or in Hell. He endured the pains of Hell so that we might have the blessings of heaven. Your sin will be pardoned in Christ or punished in Hell.” Adrian Rogers

