

WHAT ABOUT...?

SERMON SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE

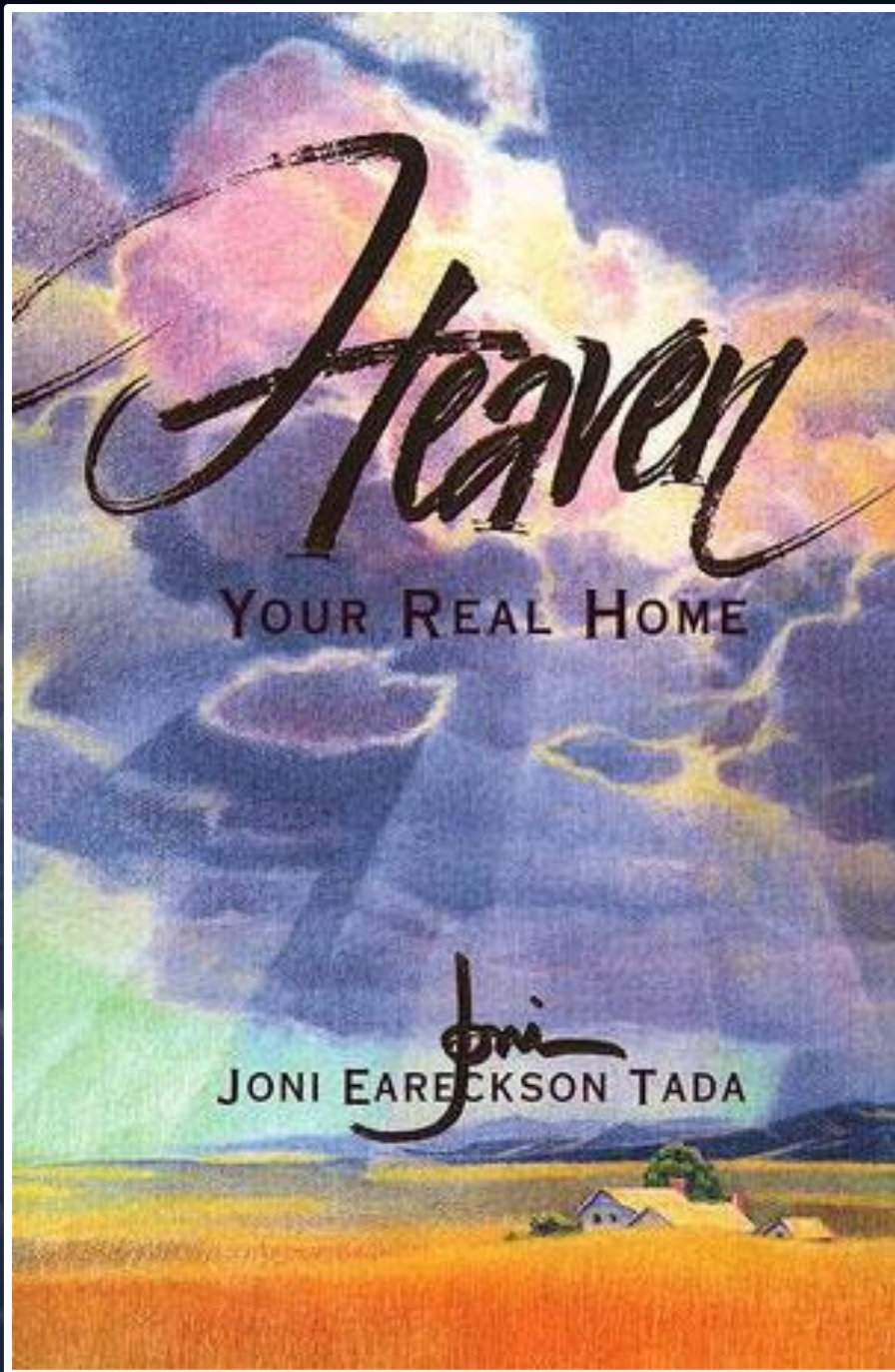
... **HEAVEN,**
& **HELL,**
CREMATION

1 Peter 1:3-9

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HEAVEN is for real!

*The Bible makes mention of heaven in
one way or another over 550 times*



“Heaven offers hope for the here and now, a vision that comforts those who struggle in this life, and a vision of what is ahead for believers according to God’s Word.”

**- Joni Eareckson Tada
Heaven, Your Real Home**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

What will HEAVEN (Our True Home) really be like?

Throne of God – Isaiah 66:1

Divine Presence – Revelation 21:3

Continuous Worship – Revelation 4-5

New Heaven & Earth – Revelation 21

Streets of gold, gates of pearl – Revelation 21

No more death, mourning, crying, or pain – Rev. 21

A place of reward and rest – Hebrews 4:9

Joyous fellowship in God's Presence – Psalm 16:11

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

1 Peter 1:8-9

What about HELL?

Does it exist?

YES!

***Hell is referenced or mentioned
over 50 times in scripture.***

How does Scripture describe HELL?

Eternal Fire – Matthew 25:41

Lake of Fire – Revelation 20:14-15

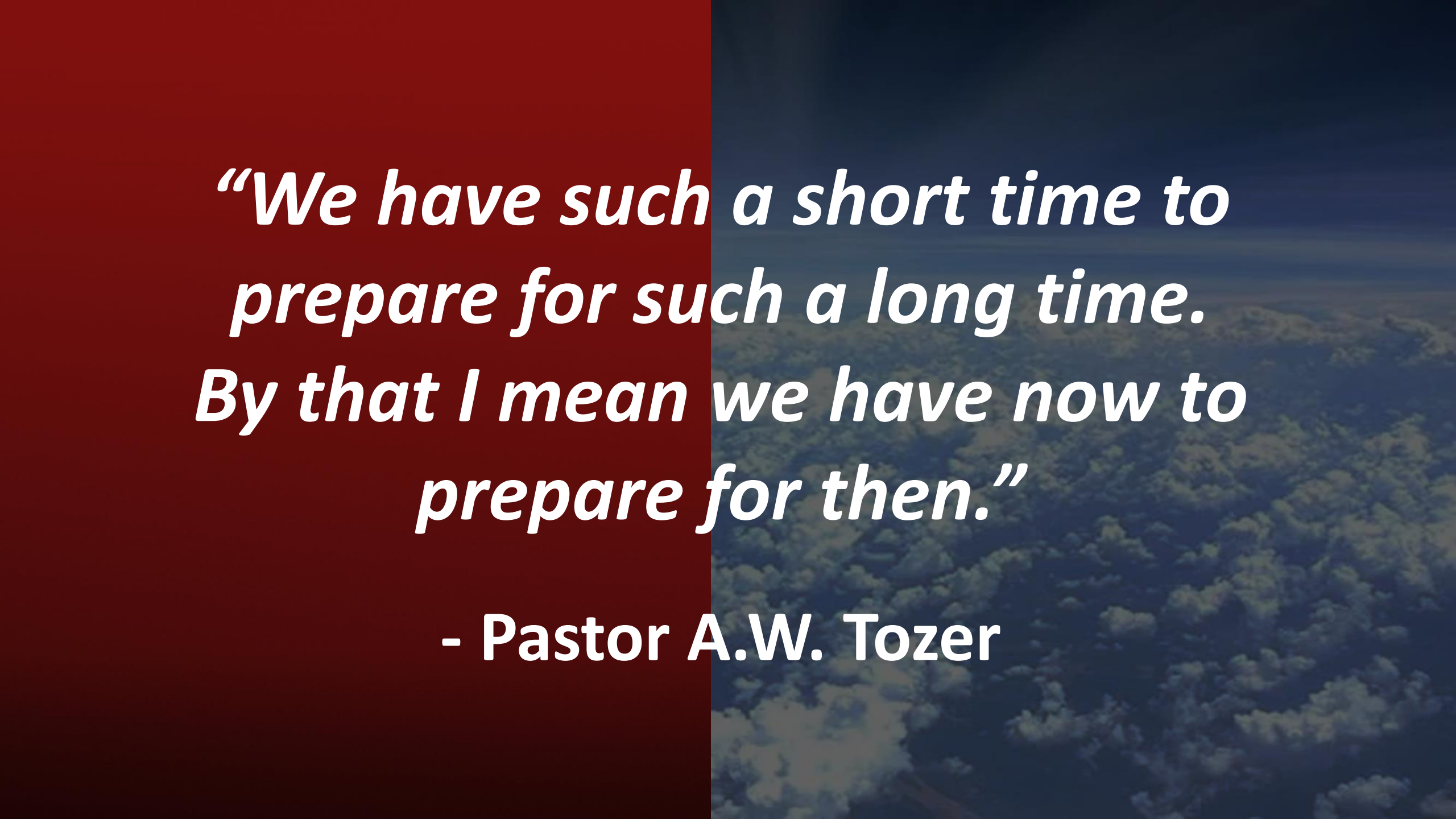
Darkness (weeping/nashing of teeth) Matt. 8

Eternal Punishment – Matthew 13

Separated from God – 2 Thessalonians 1:9

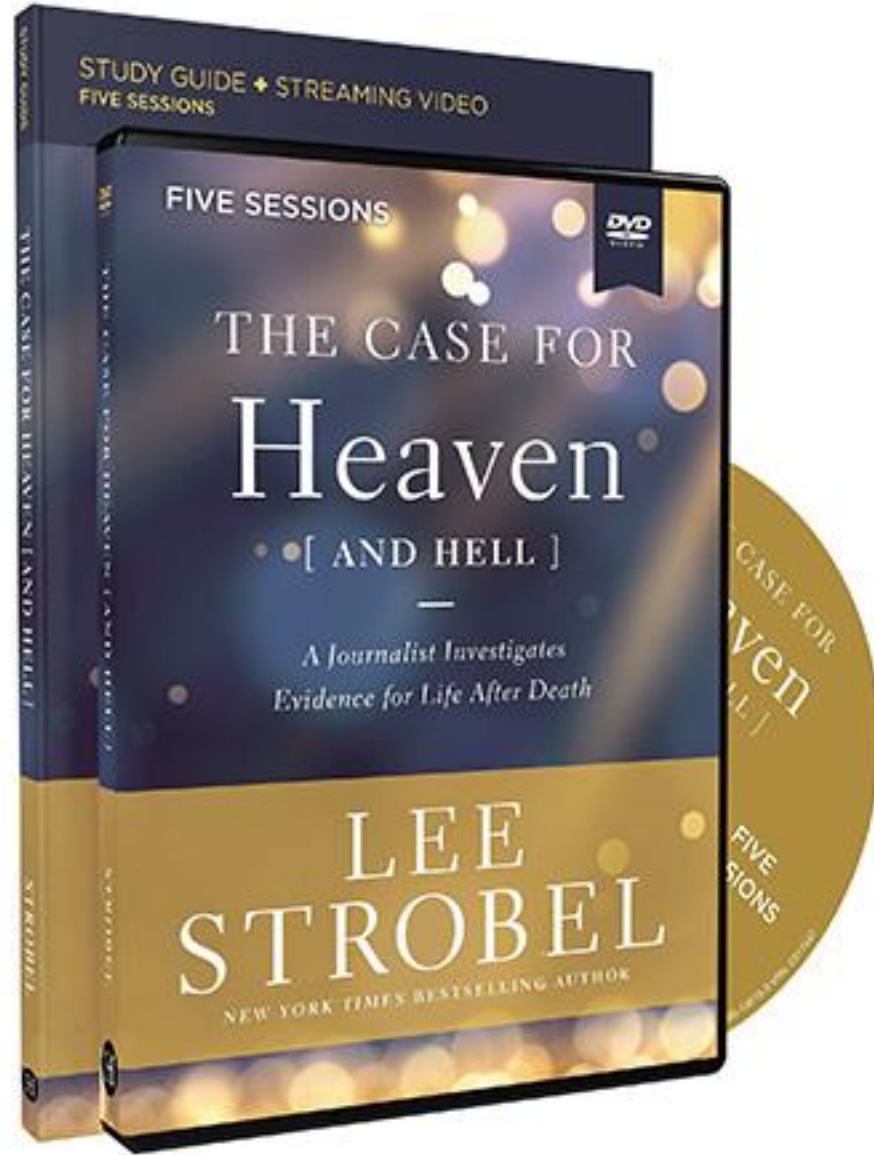
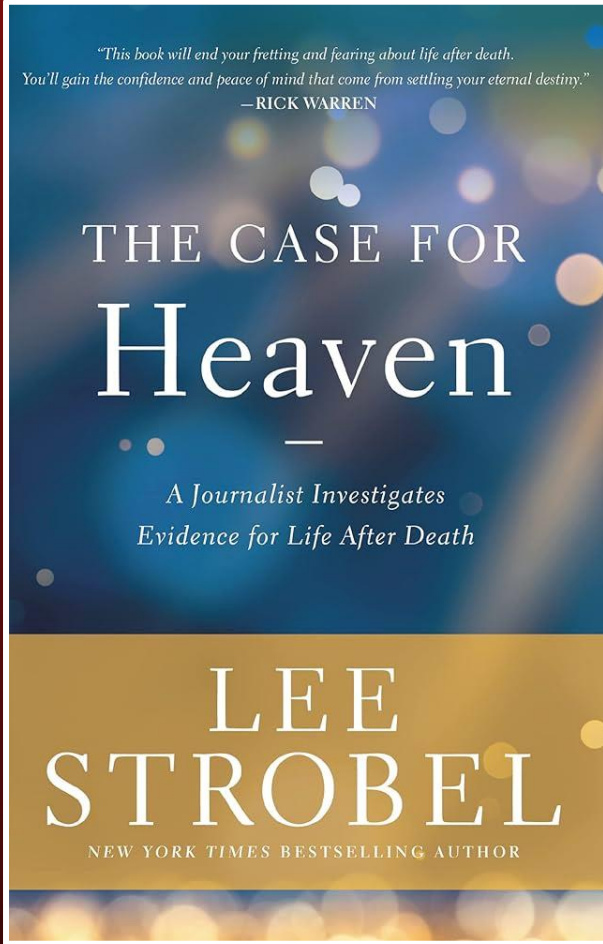
Place of unquenchable fire – Mark 9:43

Second death, eternal destruction – Rev. 21:8



***“We have such a short time to
prepare for such a long time.
By that I mean we have now to
prepare for then.”***

- Pastor A.W. Tozer



What about Burial or Cremation?

*60% are now cremated
(doubled in the last 20 years)*

Reasons that cremation may be chosen

*Cost/Expense, Flexibility, Space,
Personal Preferences, others...*

**While scripture does not give us a clear answer,
we can see what the traditional form of burial was.**

Jesus was buried in a tomb – Gospel accounts

Many burial sites mentioned in both O.T. and N.T.

Joseph was embalmed and laid in casket – Gen. 50

Moses carried Joseph's bones from Egypt – Ex. 13

Stephen, John the Baptist, Lazarus, etc. were buried.

What about the resurrection mentioned in the N.T.?

“The dead in Christ shall rise first” - 1 Thessalonians 4

“For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

The transformation of the body you have now, into the body you will have, will be instantaneous.

All believers will receive this gift at the same time.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

“How we die or the state of our bodies at death does not dictate to the wonder and miracle of our resurrection as Christ’s followers.”

- James Emery White (Pastor)

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WHAT IS RIGHT OR WRONG?

*Whatever is best or most helpful
for those who remain?*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going....

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

John 14:1-4, 6-7