

Kinds of lines

A line segment: a start and an end



The world as we know it

A ray: a start but no end



Human spiritual lives

A line: limitless in both directions



God

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Show me, LORD, my life's end
and the number of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.

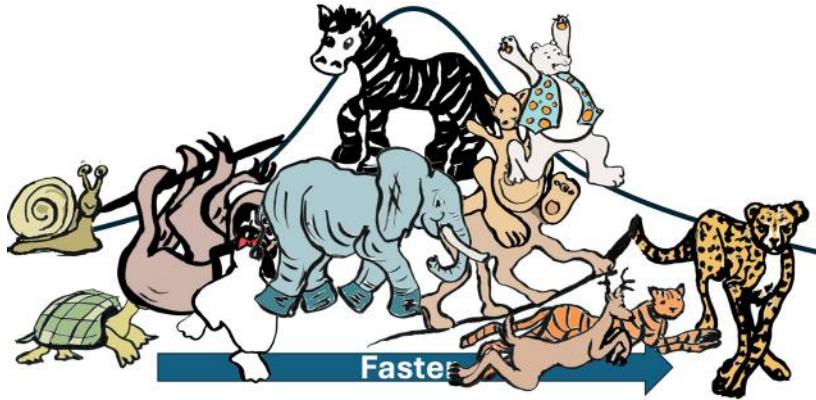
You have made my days a mere handbreadth;
the span of my years is as nothing before you.

Everyone is but a breath,
even those who seem secure.

Surely everyone goes around like a mere phantom;
in vain they rush about, heaping up wealth
without knowing whose it will finally be.

Psalm 39:4-6

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The One Thing that Matters Most

Revelation 20:11-21:8

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Celebrating Communion

Our good, holy
Creator God

God's grace
as **Savior**

Coming King
who perfects
creation

The tragic
reality of **sin**

Faith to
receive & give
forgiveness

Living on God's
Mission

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Jesus taught: this “age” will end

“The harvest is **the end of the age**, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at **the end of the age**.” Matthew 13:39-40

“This is how it will be at **the end of the age**. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 13:49-50

“As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign **of your coming and of the end of the age?**” Matthew 24:3

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Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and **books were opened**. Another book was opened, which is **the book of life**. The dead were judged according to **what they had done as recorded in the books**. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was **judged according to what they had done**. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is **the second death**. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found **written in the book of life** was thrown into the lake of fire.

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Revelation 21:1-2

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

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Revelation 21:3-5

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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Revelation 21:6-8

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are **victorious** will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸ But the **cowardly**, the **unbelieving**, the **vile**, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

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"I did not see a temple in **the city**, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ... Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but **only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.**"

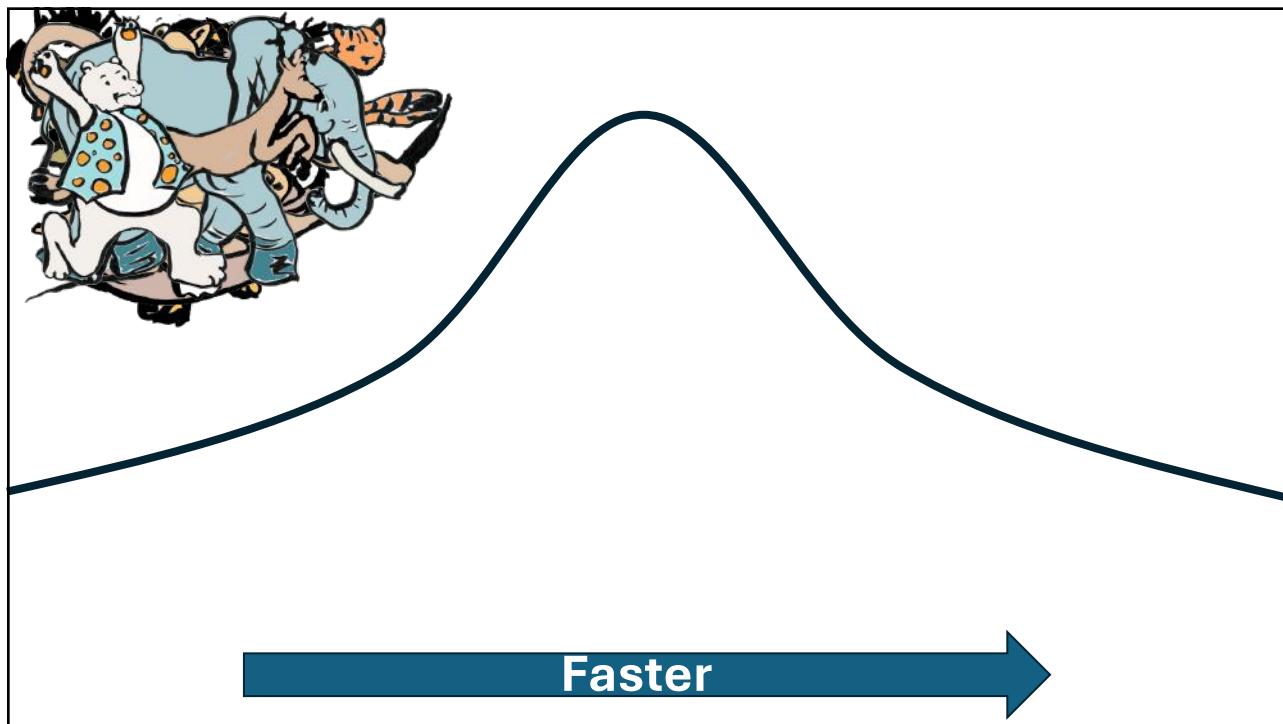
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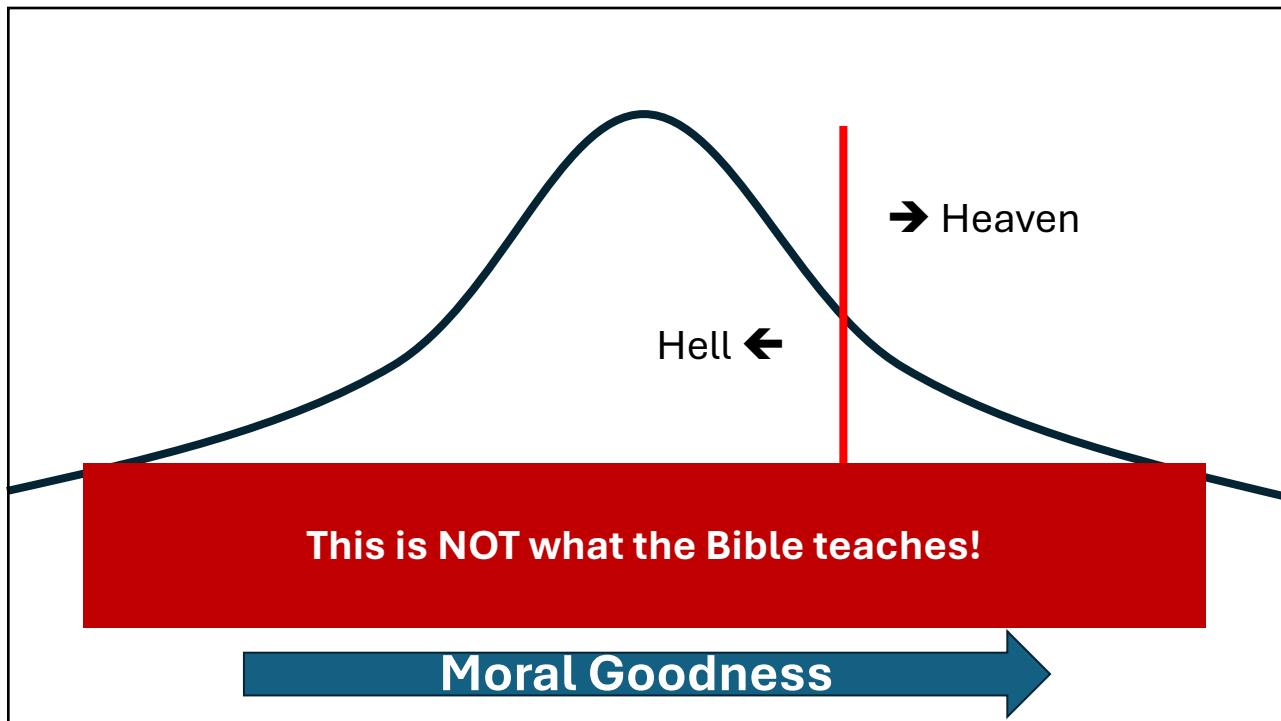
The Big Idea

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hinges on a single question:
Is my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ?**

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Jesus is my Savior King	
“Babylon” The kingdom of this age	“Jerusalem” The Holy City from Heaven
The Books Our lives reveal our true home: mixture of good and bad	The Book of Life Putting one's trust in the Lord Jesus Christ
Everyone's natural state	“Sins” not counted against them
Jesus: you can't serve 2 masters We are in one or the other	

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Application

Put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ

- Whatever my questions, failures, troubles...
- Trust in Him as **Savior King**

Never leave this trust (no matter our theology)

- Sins not counted against us
- AND a determined pursuit
to leave sin
and to follow Jesus
by the Spirit's power in us

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The journey ahead

A line segment: a start and an end



This age will end

A ray: a start but no end



We will die, then we will rise to meet God

Two outcomes: Life forever in the joy of God
Or life forever in torment

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:17, 20-21

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