

Psalm 103: Praying our Salvation

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Introduction

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- *[The LORD] forgives all you sins*
 - Psalm 103:3

Sin:

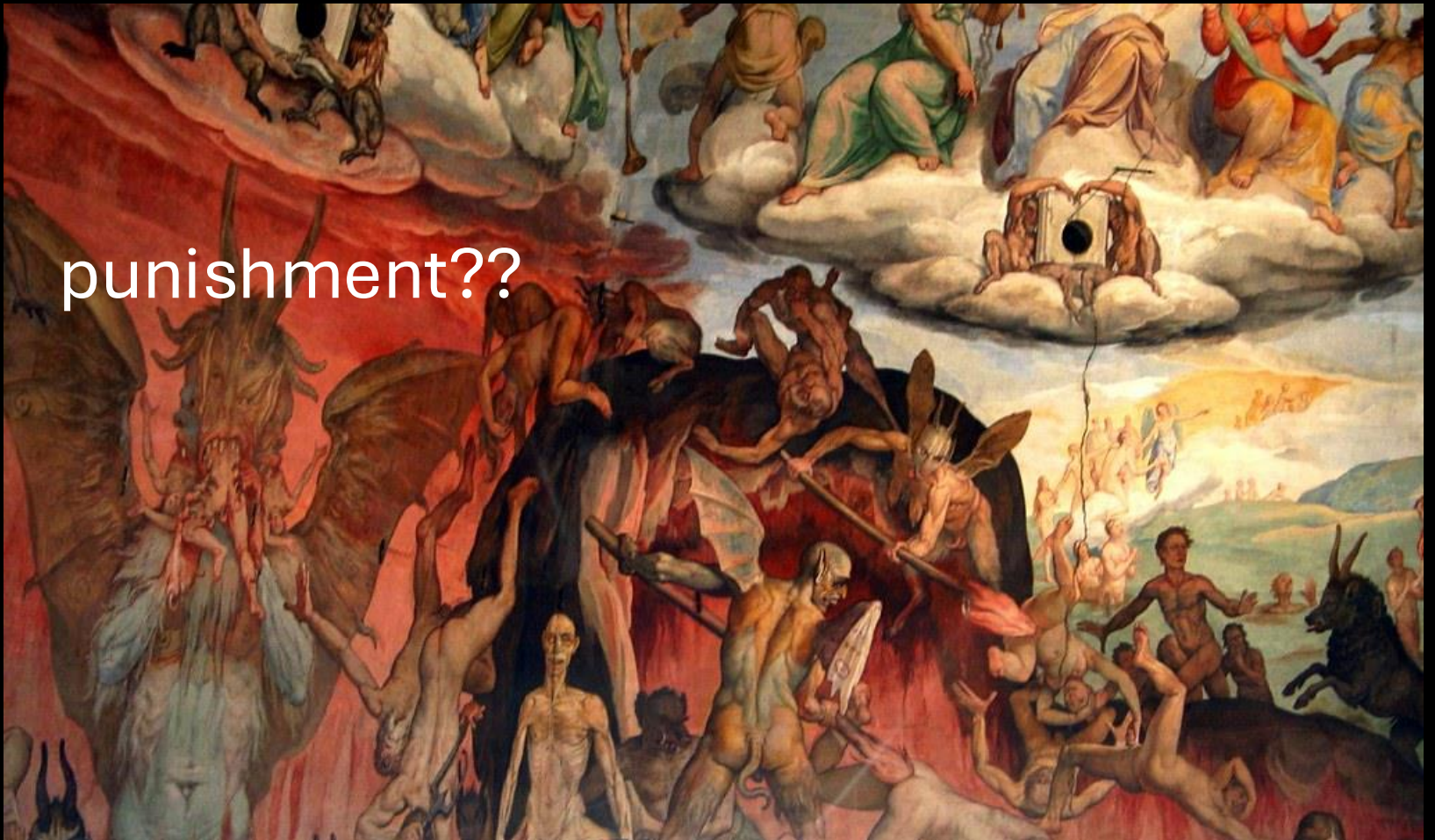
A matter of law?



Saved from?

To??

punishment??



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 - Psalm 103:3
- Divine life insurance?
- Get-out-of-hell-free card?
- So you'll know how good God is...
let me tell you how BAD hell is and how sinful
YOU are...

Sin:

A matter of law?



A matter of relationship!



“Heaven” and “hell”?

Hell: life without God

Heaven: life with God



vv3-5 God:

- *Forgives all your sins*
- *Heals all your diseases*
- *Redeems your life from the pit*
- *Crowns you with love and compassion*
- *Satisfies your desires with good things*

Saved...

From:

- Sin & broken relationships
- Sickness
- Death
- A nagging sense of worthlessness
- Desires that can never be satisfied

To:

- Forgiveness & right relationships
- Health
- Life
- Know God's love and compassion
- Satisfaction & good things

Living in the kingdom of God!

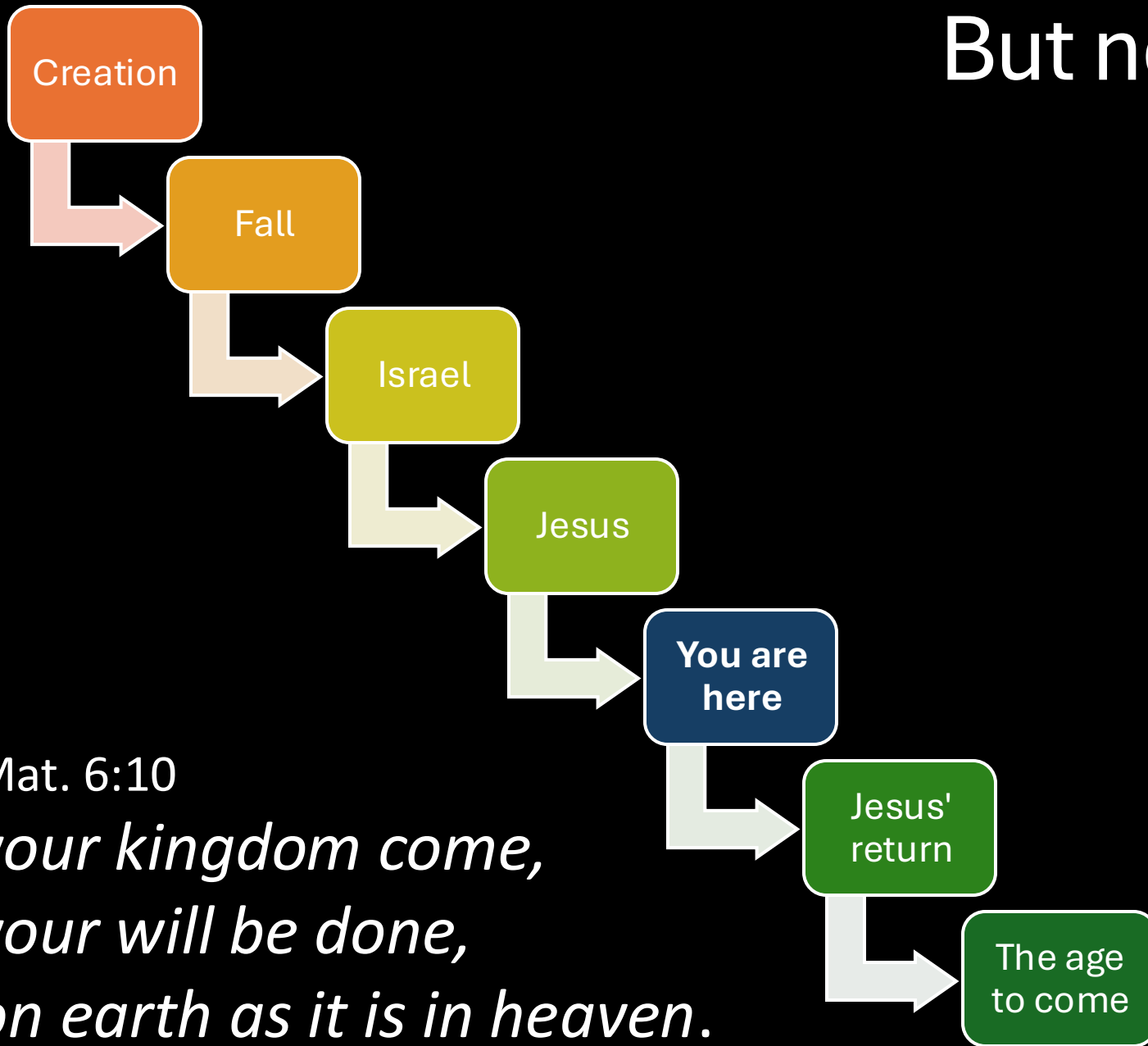
Psalm 103:19:

- *The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.*

Col. 1:13-14:

- *For [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us **into the kingdom of the Son he loves**, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.*

But not yet?!



Mat. 6:10
*your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

What is God like?

v7: *[The LORD] made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel*

- Speaking from the burning bush
- Revealing God's own name (YHWH)
- Passover and the exodus from Egypt
- Crossing the Red Sea
- Giving the 10 Commandments
- Mana in the desert, water from the rock
- ...



vv8-14 *The LORD:*

- Is compassionate and gracious*
- Is slow to anger*
- Abounds in love*
- Will not always accuse*
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“...who fear the LORD”?

- // “keep his covenant” // “obey his precepts”
- Mat. 10:28-31 *“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. **Rather, be afraid** of the One [God] who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*
- *“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So **don’t be afraid**; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*
- 1 John 4:18 *There is **no fear in love**. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.*
- => **Respect, honour, orient by...**

**Who/what
is God?**



Thoughts
& feelings



Behaviour

Reference



Values &
principles



Rules

Compass



What are we like?

vv15-16 / 17-19

Mortals:

- Are like grass
- They flourish...
- And are gone...
- And are forgotten

God is:

- Everlasting
- Loving, righteous
- Faithful
- Enthroned
- And rules over all



Contemplating our mortality?



Gen. 3:22 [Adam] must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.

Rev. 22:2 On each side of the river stood the tree of life



vv20-22: A symphony of praise...

Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

What is salvation to you?

What do you want to thank God for?

Experience more of?

Share more of with someone you know?

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