

FUTUREHOPE

Pastor Dave Gudgel – The Best is Yet to Come – Revelation 21:1-6



“I don’t believe in an afterlife, so I don’t spend my whole life fearing hell, or fearing heaven even more. For whatever the tortures of hell, I think the boredom of heaven would be even worse.”

– Isaac Asimov



Revelation 21:1-6

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. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

Revelation 21:1-6

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 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." He who was seated on the throne said,

Revelation 21:1-6

"I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.



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Exodus 33:20

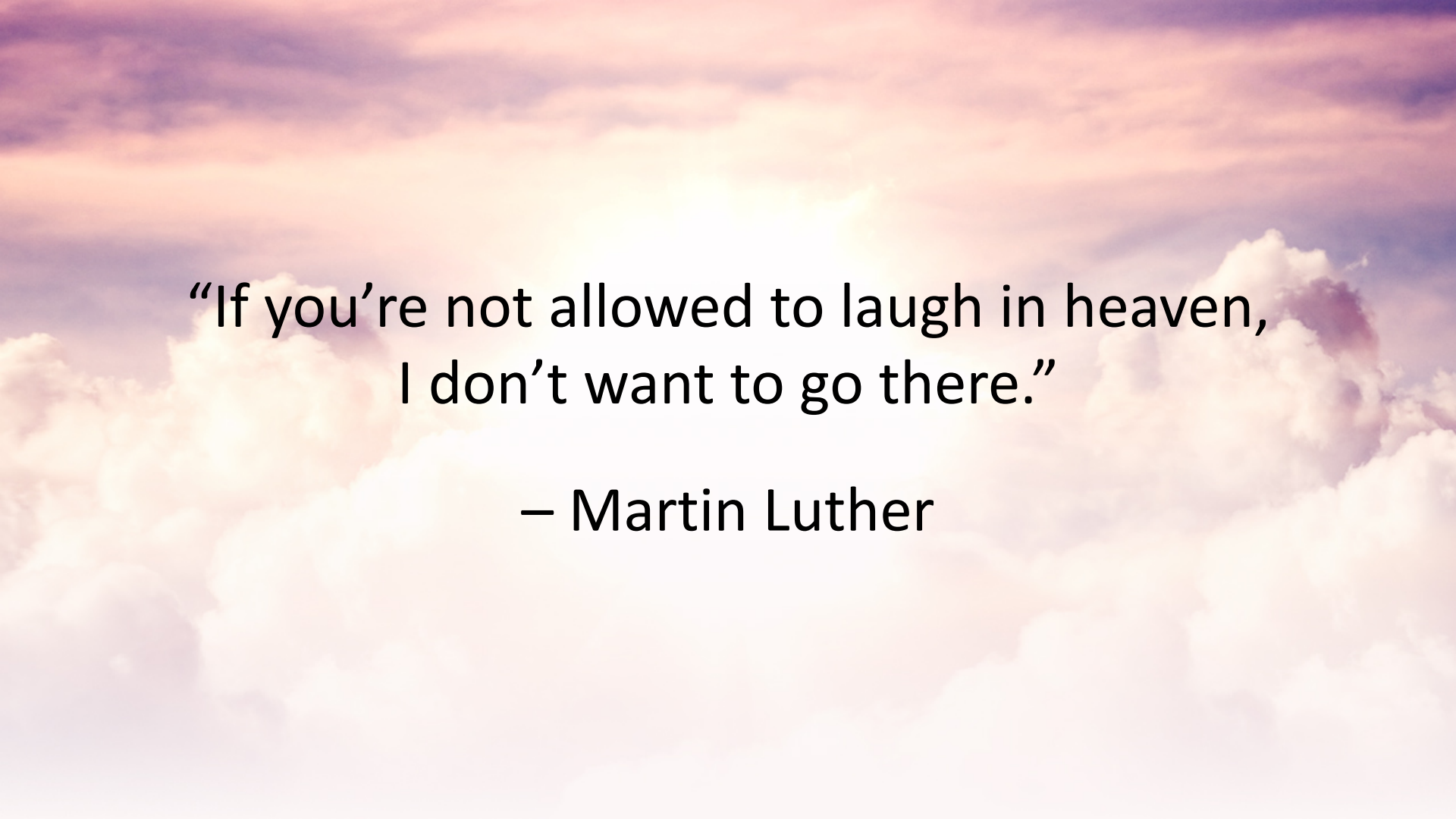
“You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”

Revelation 22:23-24a

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light...

Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.




“If you’re not allowed to laugh in heaven,
I don’t want to go there.”

– Martin Luther

We will constantly be more amazed with God, more in love with God, and thus ever more relishing his presence and our relationship with him. Our experience of God will never reach its consummation. We will never finally arrive, as if upon reaching a peak we discover there is nothing beyond. Our experience of God will never become stale. It will deepen and develop, intensify and amplify, unfold and increase, broaden and balloon.”

– Sam Storms

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Peter 3:7,10,12b

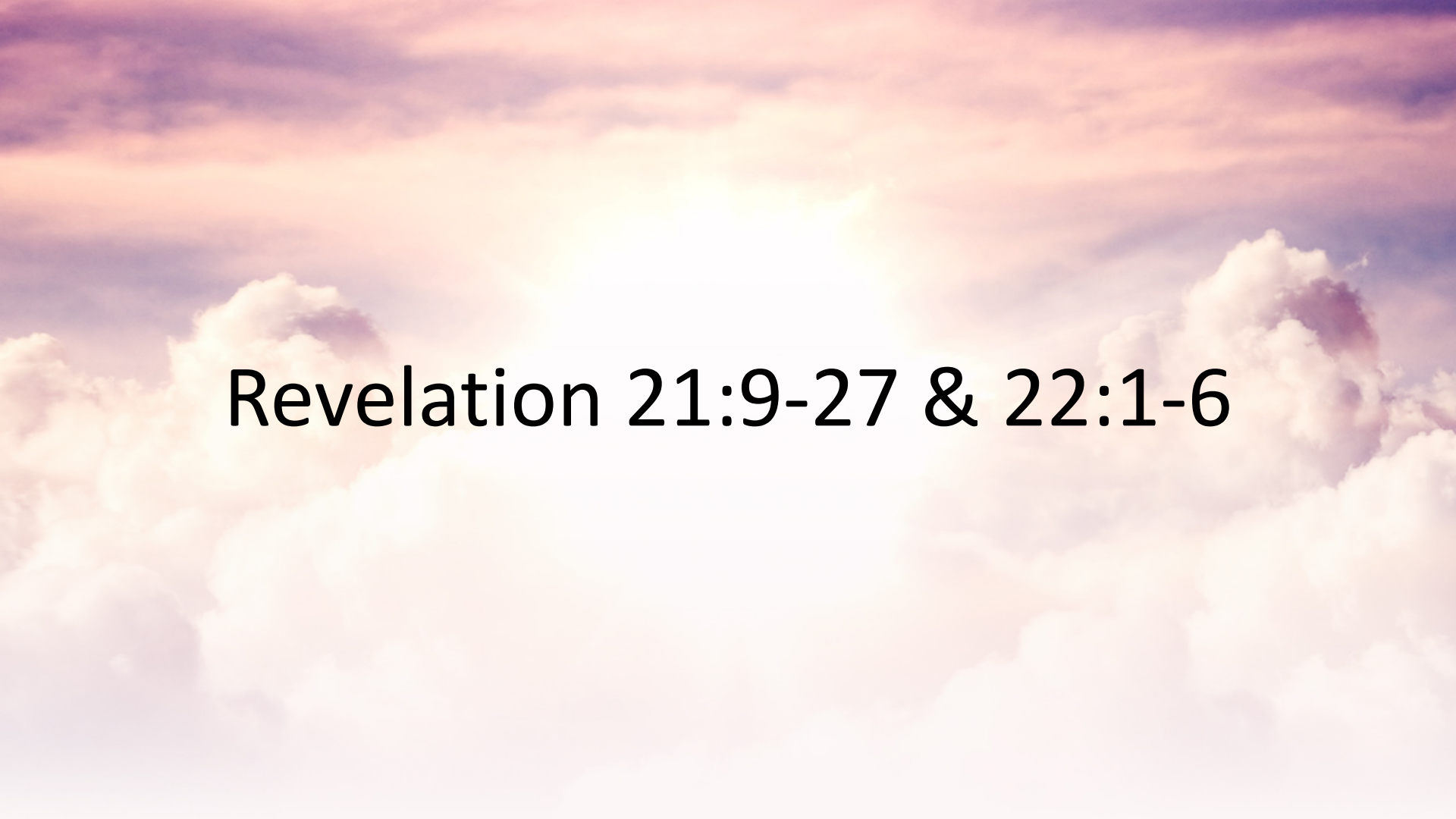
By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

Revelation 22:3

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

John 14:2-3

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. 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.



Revelation 21:9-27 & 22:1-6

Revelation 21:16 (NASB)

And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

2 Peter 3:13

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

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Revelation 21:4 - “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.”



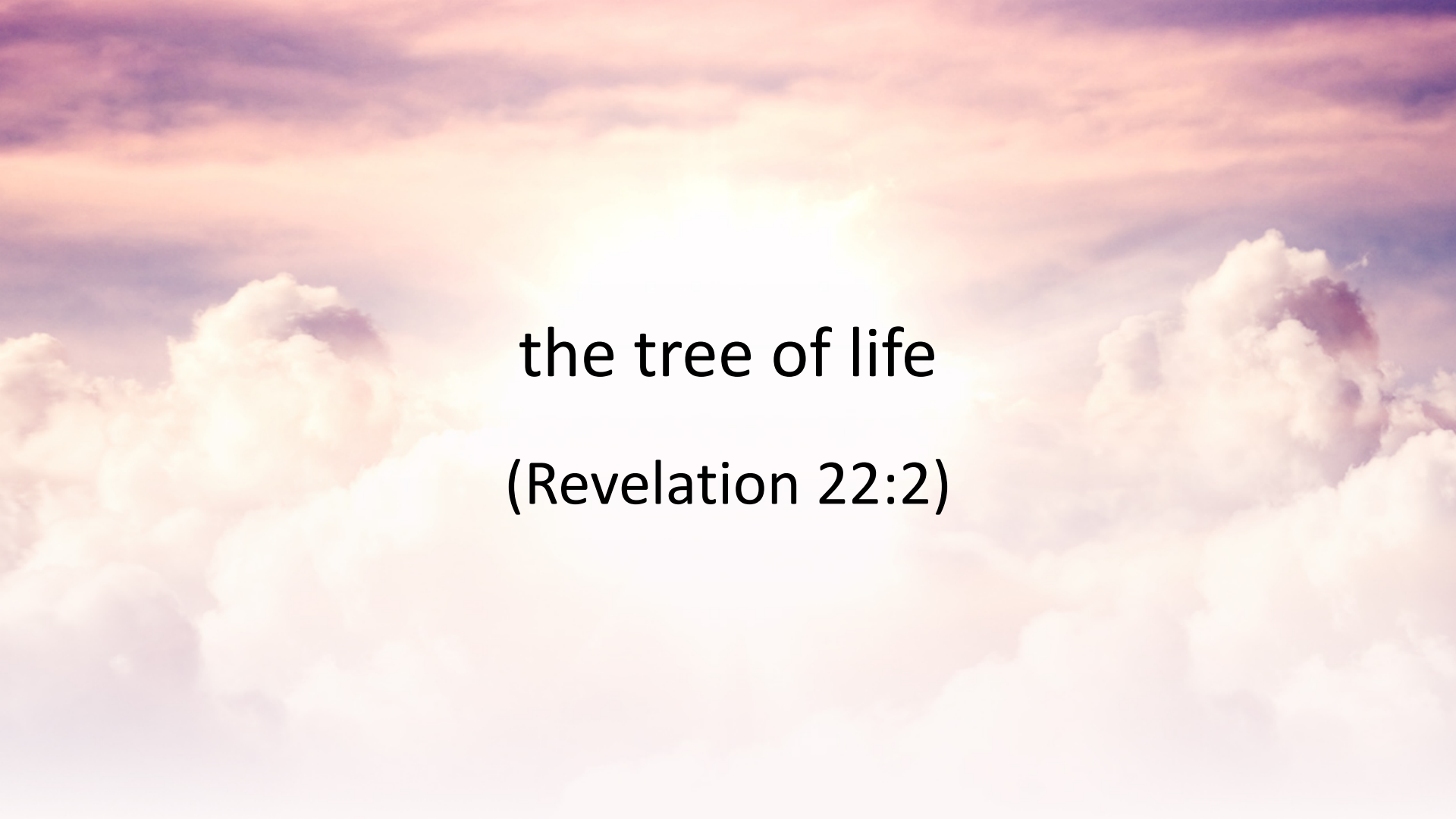
there will no longer be any curse

(Revelation 22:3a)

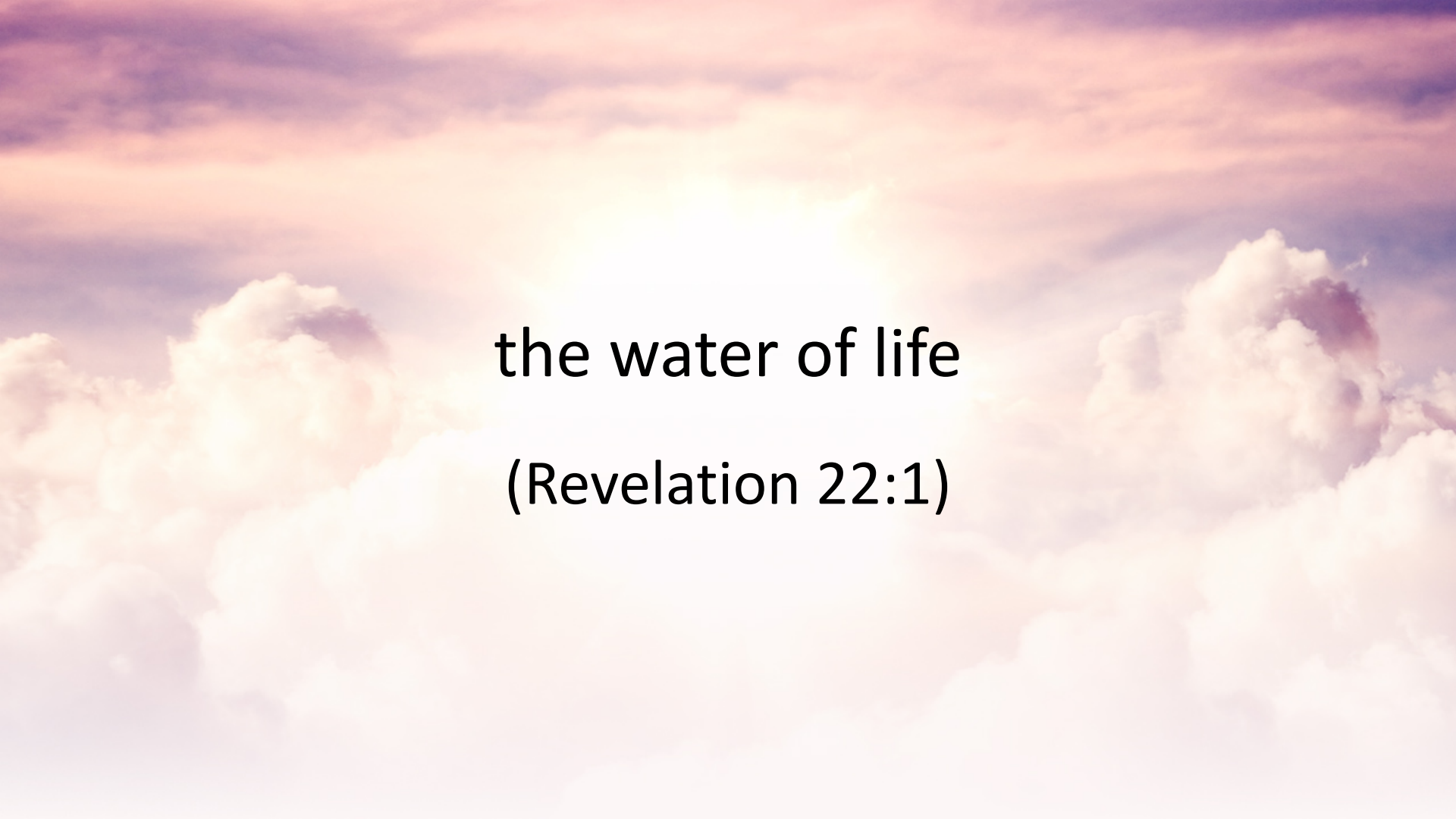


the old order of things has passed away

(Revelation 21:4)



the tree of life
(Revelation 22:2)

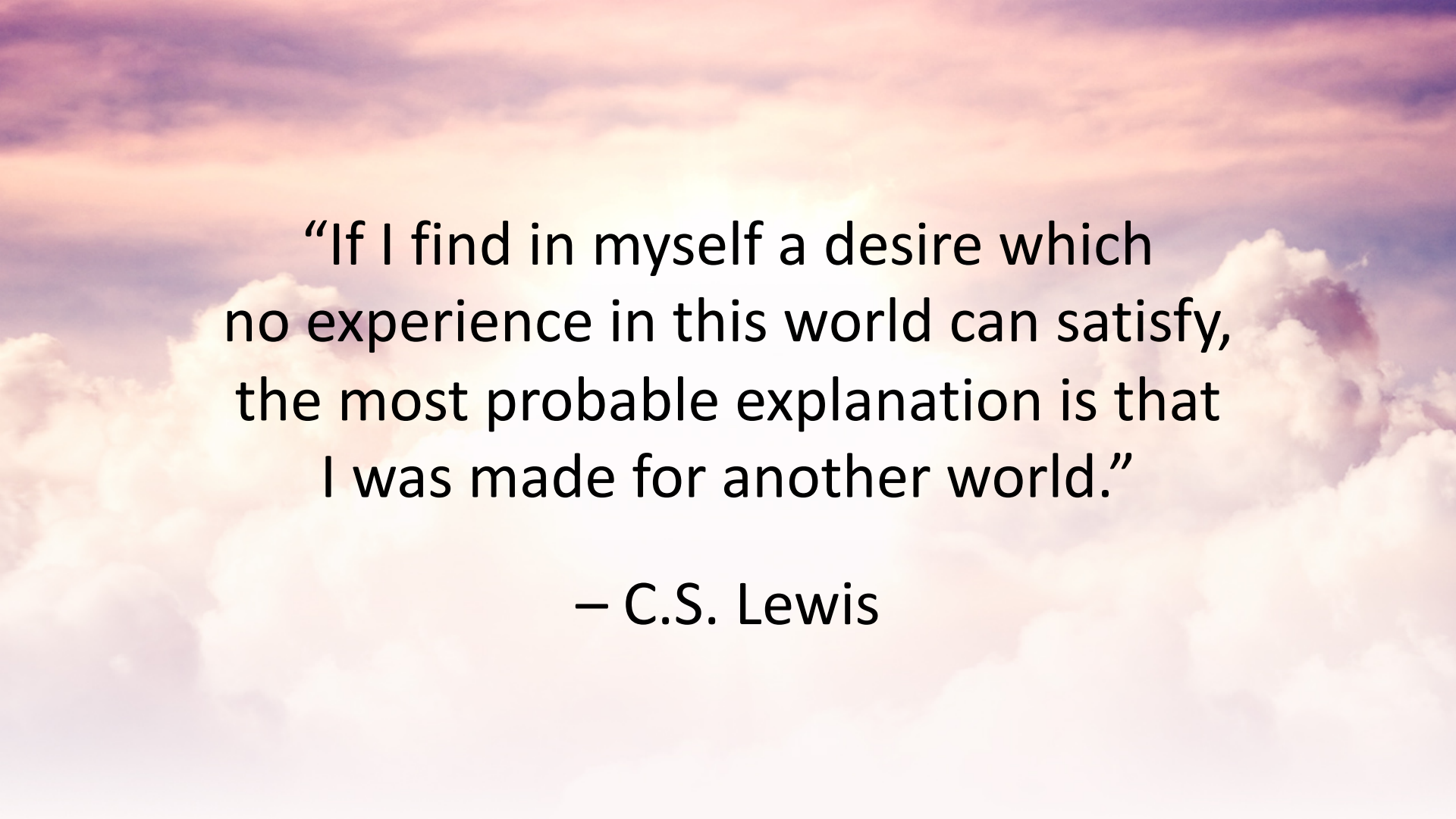


the water of life
(Revelation 22:1)

A dramatic sky with a bright sunburst breaking through a layer of clouds, with more clouds below.

“It is done...”

(Revelation 21:6)



“If I find in myself a desire which
no experience in this world can satisfy,
the most probable explanation is that
I was made for another world.”

– C.S. Lewis



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