

The Scriptures this week are a reminder to us of our mortality, they are not meant to be a scare tactic but rather a question for reflection. How am I living my life? Would I choose my faith or my life if persecuted? What am I living for?

The reality that we know too well is that life is fragile and fleeting, we have a choice to make, live for today or for eternity. In our Gospel today Jesus very deftly corrects the assumptions of humanity about what Heaven will be like. Many of us assume that it will just be a continuation of the life we lead here on Earth. But the reality is we have no idea, as Scripture tells us "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love Him." (1st Corinthians 2:9).

There are some wonderful books out there about Heaven, but they are speculative theology, spiritual works meant to raise questions, not answer them. We just can't fathom what that reality will be like. No longer focused on the cares of the day, no longer focused on time in any way. No one is married as our Gospel tells us today. We are completely focused on our relationship with God. I have some modest hopes about Heaven, the first is that God welcomes me home (that they let me in). The second is that I will recognize my loved ones and the third is that there is bacon!

May the love, peace and Grace of God be with you,
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