

A TALE OF TWO WORLDS

Genesis 1:31 (HCSB)

31 God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.

John 3:16 (NASB)

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

1 John 2:15 (HCSB)

15 Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him.

Isaiah 55:12-13 (HCSB)

12 You will indeed go out with joy and be peacefully guided; the mountains and the hills will break into singing before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thornbush, a cypress will come up, and instead of the brier, a myrtle will come up; it will make a name for Yahweh as an everlasting sign that will not be destroyed.

Isaiah 55:10-11 (HCSB)

10 For just as rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return there without saturating the earth and making it germinate and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat,

11 so My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do."

Isaiah 59:9-15 (HCSB)

9 Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We hope for light, but there is darkness; for brightness, but we live in the night.

10 We grope along a wall like the blind; we grope like those without eyes. We stumble at noon as though it were twilight; we are like the dead among those who are healthy.

11 We all growl like bears and moan like doves. We hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.

12 For our transgressions have multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities:

13 transgression and deception against the Lord, turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering lying words from the heart.

14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far off. For truth has stumbled in the public square, and honesty cannot enter.

15 Truth is missing, and whoever turns from evil is plundered. The Lord saw that there was no justice, and He was offended.

Revelation 21:3-4 (HCSB)

3 Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:

Look! God's dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will no longer exist; grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer, because the previous things have passed away.