

Why Does God allow Suffering?

3- The End

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Why?

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us”.

Paul in Romans 8:18



Why does God allow suffering?

New Heaven & Earth

Creation

Fall

Cross &
Resurrection

Jesus

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Hell



Suffering and the future...

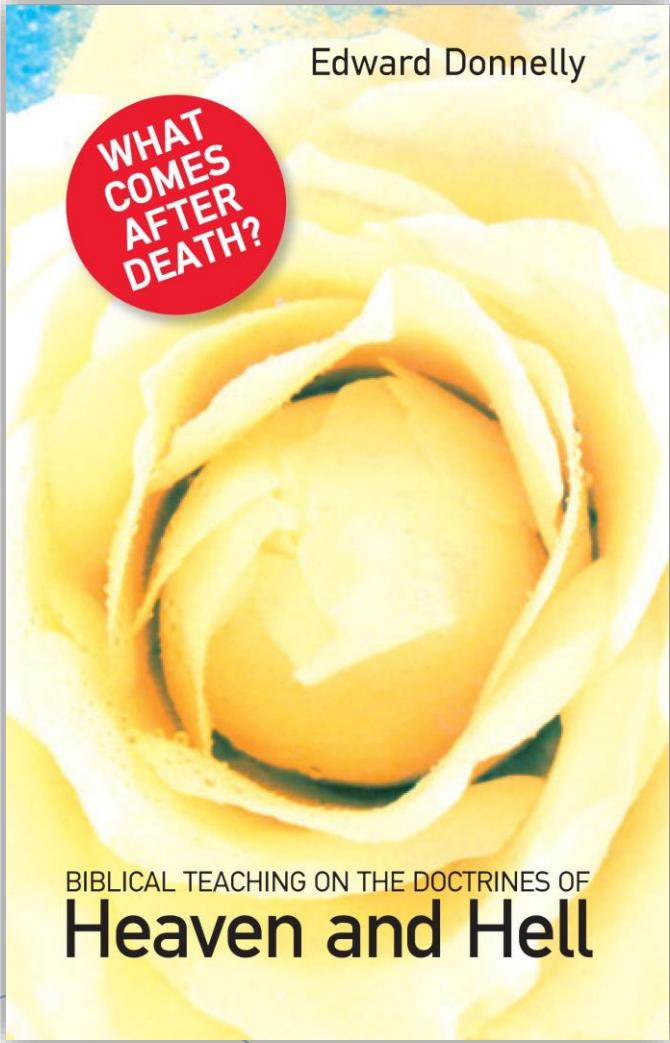
The hope of heaven... (Rev
21:1-4)

What's there?

What's not there?

Perfect relationship
WITH JESUS!





“the Bible’s favourite way of describing heaven is not in the least hard to understand, but so clear that a child can grasp it. In the New Testament, heaven means **being with Jesus”**

Ted Donnelly



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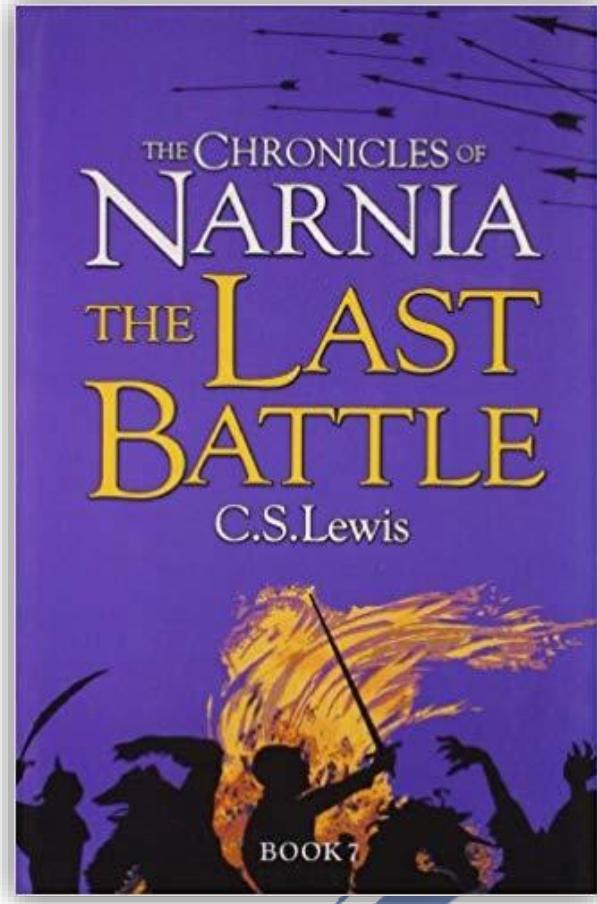
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No death!
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No crying!
No pain!

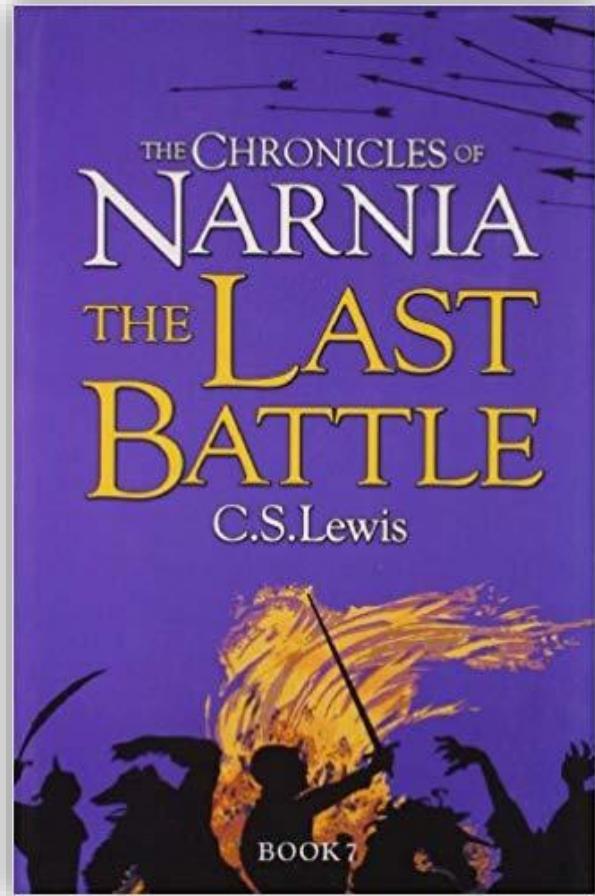


"There was a real railway accident," said Aslan softly. "Your father and mother and all of you are—as you used to call it in the Shadowlands—dead. The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning." And as He spoke He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after.



But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.

The Last Battle, CS Lewis, p171-2.



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PROMISE:

34: 17, 18

PROMISE & BASIS: John 11:
25

FACTS:

15: 1-3



Psalm

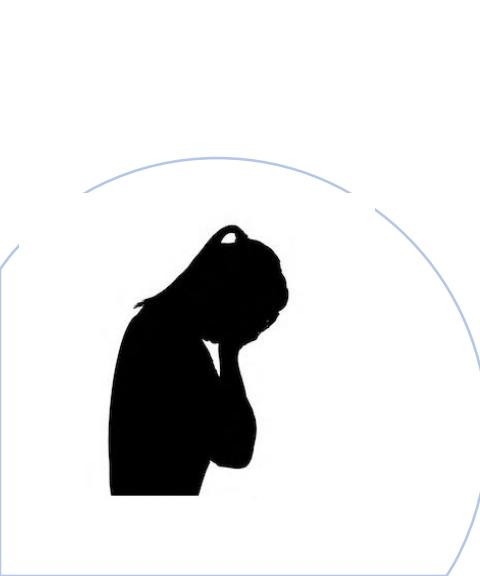
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Suffering and the future...

The hope of heaven is built on reality...
and it keeps us going through
suffering

Romans 8:18
2 Cor 4:17





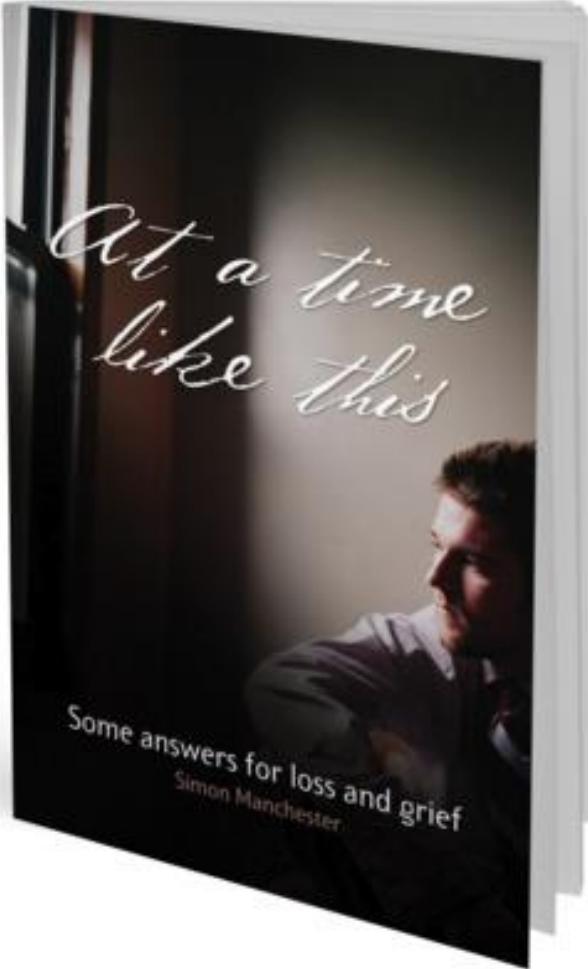
Florence Chadwick 1918-1995



Practical advice?

- 1) PRAYER – James 5:16
- 2) LISTEN – James 1:19
- 3) PRACTICAL CARE
– 1 John 3:17-19
- 4) SHARE TRUTH
– Psalm 18:30





Once in the midst of a tragic family loss, someone wrote to me the words of Psalm 18 verse 30: "As for God his way is perfect". It didn't explain everything, but it reminded me of the rock of his character on which I could stand.

Simon Manchester
"At a time like this"



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Suffering and the future...

- 1) The hope of heaven is built on reality and it keeps us going through suffering
- 2) Practical ways to help...

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