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# The End Is Just The Beginning

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***I Corinthians 13:12***

***For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.***

***I Thessalonians 4:17***

***After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.***

***Luke 23:39-43***

***39One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+23%3A39-43&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-25978a" \o "See footnote a)]” 43Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”***

It is interesting to note that the very first mention of the end of time comes quite early in the Bible. In Genesis 49 we find Jacob prophesying to his boys about the end times and what each will accomplish as a family before then.

Solomon stated very plainly that God “has put eternity in the hearts of man.” Deep inside every person is a desire to understand eternity. We have a God-shaped void inside of us that only He can fill. We are incomplete without Him. The world around us is rushing headlong into oblivion searching for that something that will satisfy. Everyone has an internal compass that is searching for Heaven.

What comes after this life is of tremendous importance. We are defined as eternal beings. We will either live eternally or we will die eternally. There is no third option.

The Bible is our only source for the truth about the future. We must be willing to set aside what the world tries to convince us to believe and trust God’s Word implicitly.

Hollywood’s version of Heaven and Hell are wrong in so many ways, and yet, many people have bought into the error that everyone will get to Heaven. After all, how could a loving God send anyone to eternal torment?

The brief glimpses we see in the Bible of Heaven are truly amazing and incredible. The brief glimpses of Hell, we choose to ignore because they are uncomfortably horrible.

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**BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB**

Welcome to the Canard Lee Reed Book of the Month Club. As a member of this Sunday School class, you are automatically enrolled in the *Stupendous Fantasticus Incredibilious Bookworm Club.*

This month’s choices are absolutely some of the best books we have ever offered.

1. A Children’s Guide to Hitchhiking

2. Your First Picture Book—(Reading Is For Losers)

3. Mr. Fork Meets Mr. Electrical Outlet

4. The Little Engine That Thought He Could—But Failed Miserably

5. Some Kittens Really Can Fly—They Just Need Encouragement

6. Freeway Dodge Ball—Official Kindergarten Rules

7. Curious George and the High Voltage Fence