BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY, HE HAS CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, TO AN INHERITANCE THAT IS IMPERISHABLE, UNDEFILED, AND UNFADING, KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU, WHO BY GOD'S POWER ARE BEING GUARDED THROUGH

FAITH FOR A SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME. IN THIS YOU REJOICE, THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE, IF NECESSARY, YOU HAVE BEEN GRIEVED BY VARIOUS TRIALS, SO THAT THE TESTED GENUINENESS OF YOUR FAITH— MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD THAT PERISHES THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE—MAY BE FOUND TO RESULT IN PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR AT

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HIM, YOU LOVE HIM. THOUGH YOU DO NOT NOW SEE HIM, YOU BELIEVE IN HIM AND REJOICE WITH JOY THAT IS INEXPRESSIBLE AND FILLED WITH GLORY, OBTAINING THE OUTCOME OF YOUR FAITH, THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS. CONCERNING THIS SALVATION, THE PROPHETS WHO PROPHESIED ABOUT THE GRACE

THAT WAS TO BE YOURS SEARCHED AND INQUIRED CAREFULLY, INQUIRING WHAT PERSON OR TIME THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN THEM WAS INDICATING WHEN HE PREDICTED THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AND THE SUBSEQUENT GLORIES. IT WAS REVEALED TO THEM THAT THEY WERE SERVING NOT THEMSELVES BUT YOU, IN THE THINGS THAT HAVE NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED TO

YOU THROUGH THOSE WHO PREACHED THE GOOD NEWS TO YOU BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SENT FROM HEAVEN, THINGS INTO WHICH ANGELS LONG TO LOOK.



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EXILE:

A PERSON WHO LIVES IN A CERTAIN PLACE, BUT DOESN'T TRULY FIT IN OR FEEL AT HOME IN THAT PLACE





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EVERY HUMAN BEING MUST LIVE FOR SOMETHING. SOMETHING MUST CAPTURE OUR IMAGINATIONS, OUR HEART'S MOST FUNDAMENTAL ALLEGIANCE AND HOPE. BUT, THE BIBLE TELLS US, WITHOUT INTERVENTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THAT OBJECT WILL NEVER BE GOD HIMSELF.

TIM KELLER





HOPE:

A STRONG CONFIDENCE OF GOD'S FUTURE



THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, FOR THE FIRST HEAVEN AND THE FIRST EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY, AND THE SEA WAS NO MORE. AND I SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND. AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE FROM THE THRONE SAYING, "BEHOLD, THE DWELLING PLACE

REVELATION 21:1-5



OF GOD IS WITH MAN. HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, AND THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AS THEIR GOD. HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY." AND HE WHO WAS SEATED ON

REVELATION 21:1-5



THE THRONE SAID, "BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW." ALSO HE SAID, "WRITE THIS DOWN, FOR THESE WORDS ARE TRUSTWORTHY AND TRUE."

REVELATION 21:1-5





THE DEGREE THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ON THE HORIZON, IS THE DEGREE THAT WE CAN LIVE AS **EXILES** IN THIS IMPERFECT WORLD.





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