Scripture: 2 Peter 3 CoF 37
Singing: 265:1-3 – 139:1-6 - 255:3-4 – 30:1-3

The Eternal Destiny of the Sinners and Saints

A. The closing article of CoF is a somber and yet glowing article of faith
1. Observe the simplicity and clarity of the content

2. Observe the context when written

I. Be warned to flee the wrath to come while He is near to save you

A. Scripture declares your day of judgment is coming: Jude 14-15
1. It will be *unexpected – public – glorious – inescapable*
a. 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Acts 1:11; Matt. 25:31; Rev. 1:7; 6:12-17)

2. Jesus will be your personal Judge: John 5:22; Acts 17:31; Rev. 1:7

3. Jesus will open 'His book' about you: 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:16

4. Jesus will open **your book** about Him and your deeds: Rom. 2:15

B. Are you ready to meet your Divine Maker and Divine accountant?
1. Your court day is set: Heb. 9:27

2. Your charges will be indisputable: Eccl. 12:14

3. Your escape or excuses will be vain: Prov. 1:24-31; 29:1

4. Are you looking to Him as David: Ps. 31:1; 40:17; 42:1, 63:1-3?

II. Be comforted with the glory and honor that awaits you as believers

A. As Christians, your future is dazzling
1. You will be inheriting a perfectly renewed *living space*: new earth (Rev. 21)
a. *Matt.19:28; Acts 3:20; Acts 3:21; 2 Peter 3:6-13; Rom. 8:19-22*

B. The deepest comfort is not just a perfectly renewed earth/heaven

1. Also not the resurrection of your body (1 Cor 15:42-44; Phil. 3:21)

2. Also not deliverance & restoration of your soul: Rev. 7:15-16; Ps. 16:11

3. The deepest comfort is Jesus' own and personal shepherding ministry: Rev. 7:17; 21:3-4; Ps. 36:8-9

Reflection: Is John's prayer echoing in your heart: *Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

GEMS ON THE FUTURE GLORY

This life was not intended to be the place of our perfection but the preparation for it. (Richard Baxter)

The nearer men are to being sinless, the less they talk about it. (Moody)

Eternal life and glory does not begin with death.
It begins with faith in Jesus Christ. (Samuel)

Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people.

In our first paradise in Eden there was a way to go out but no way to go in again.
But as for the heavenly paradise, there is a way to go in,
but no way to go our again. (Baxter)

Those who are acquainted with God and Christ
are already in the suburbs of life eternal. (M. Henry)

When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there.
The first wonder will be to see many people there whom I did not expect to see.
The second wonder will be to miss many people whom I did expect to see.
The third and greatest wonder of all will be to find myself there.
(John Newton)