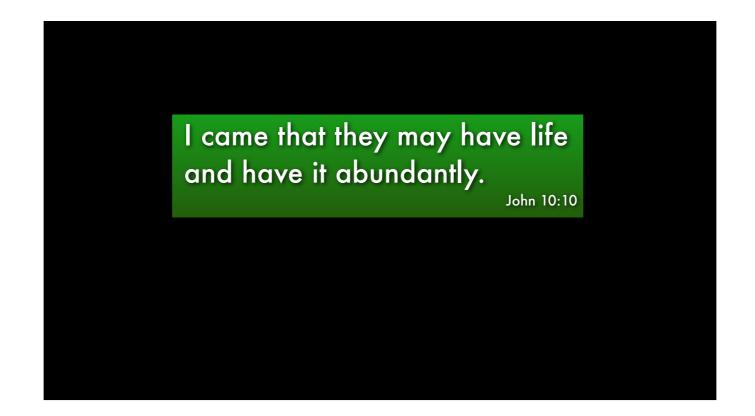


The Abundant Life: The Life to Come



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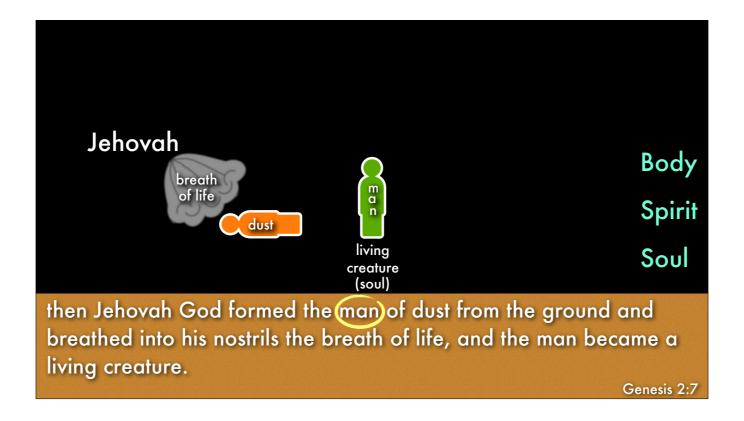
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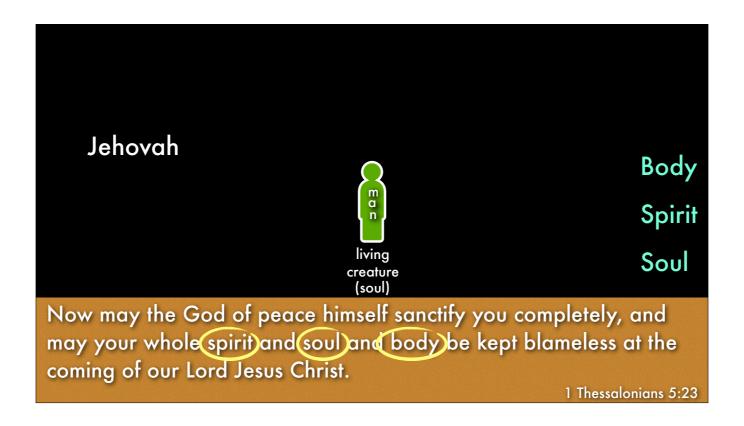
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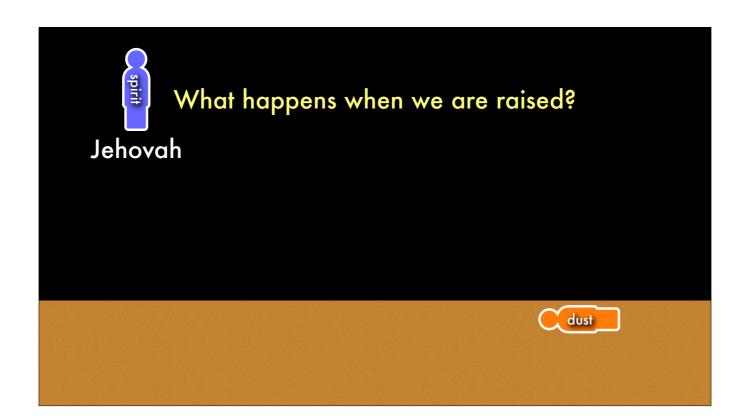
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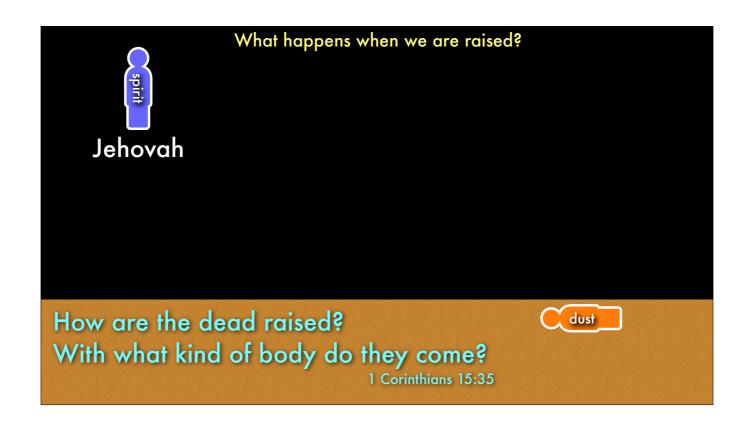
• 1 Thessalonians 5:23: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



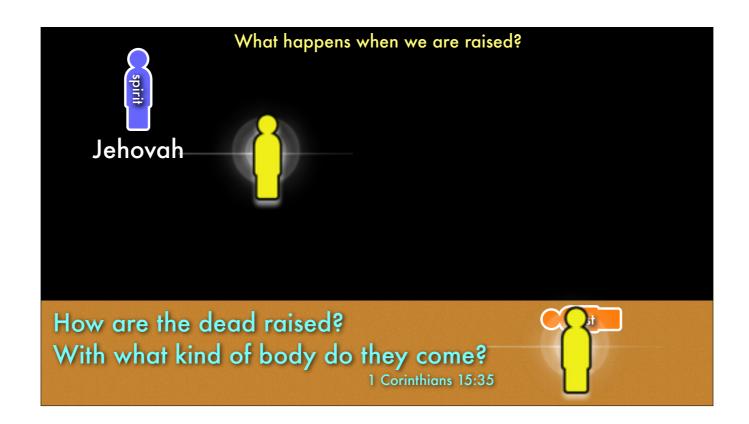
- Ecclesiastes 12:7: and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
- Genesis 3:19: till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.



- What happens at the resurrection?
- Three passages
  - 1 Corinthians 15
  - 2 Corinthians 5
  - 1 Thessalonians 4



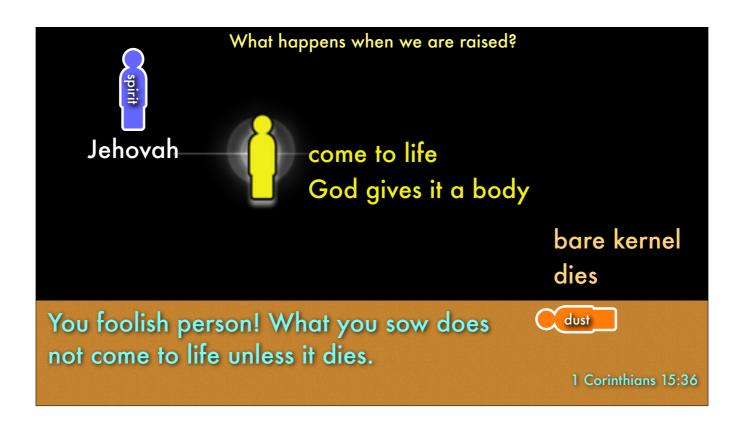
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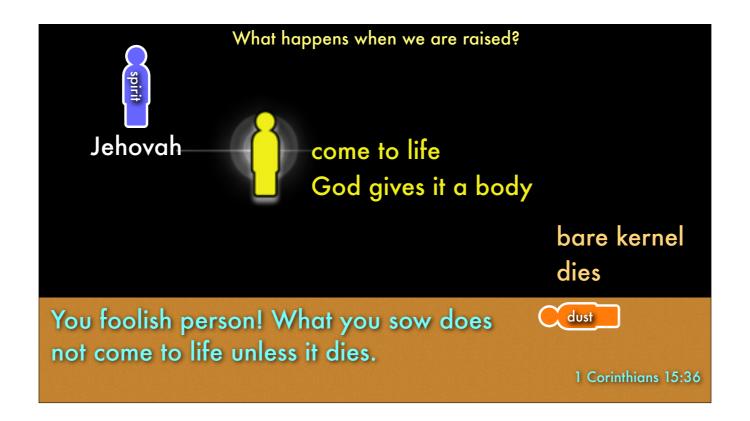
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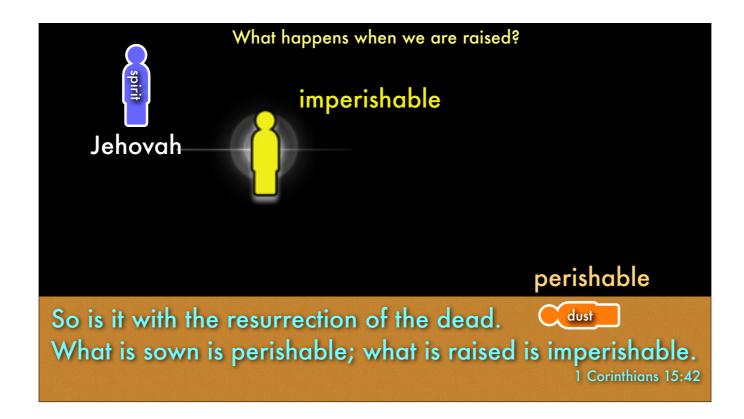
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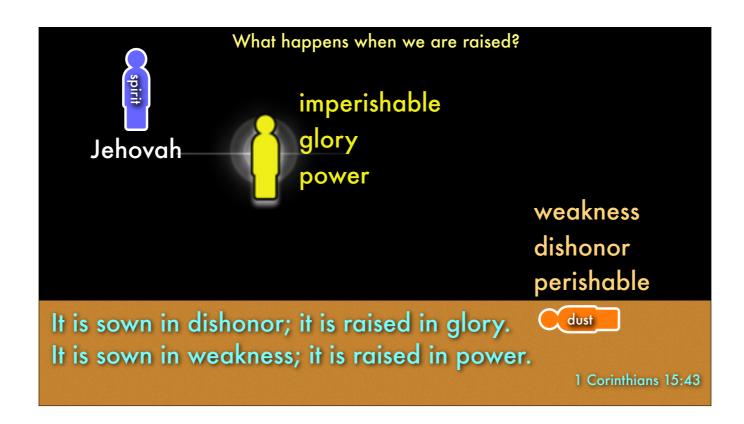
• 1 Corinthians 15:38: But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.



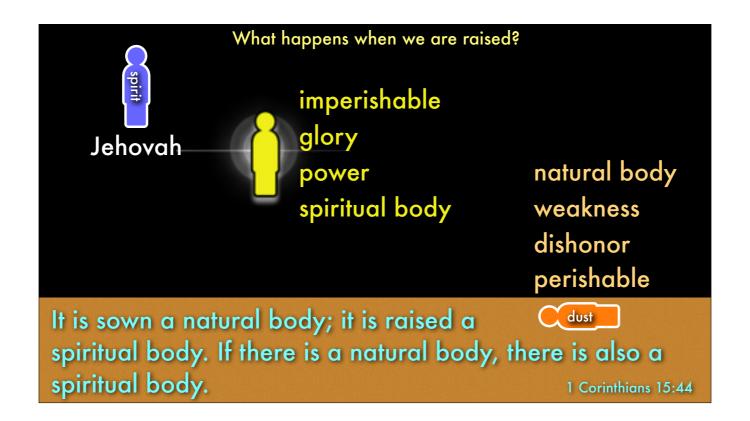
1 Corinthians 15:39 - 41: For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.



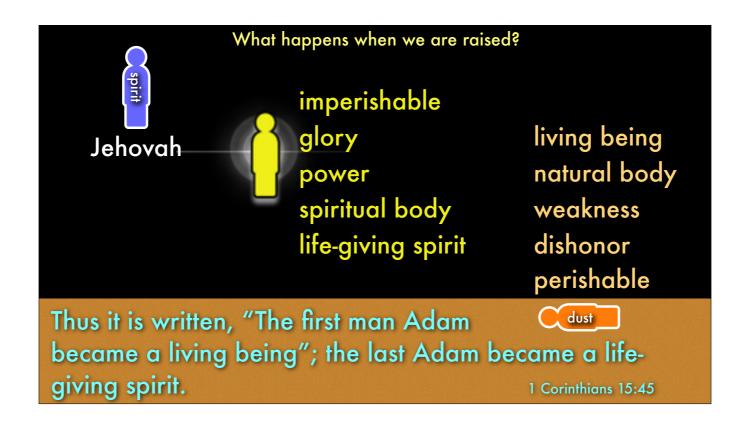
• 1 Corinthians 15:42: So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.



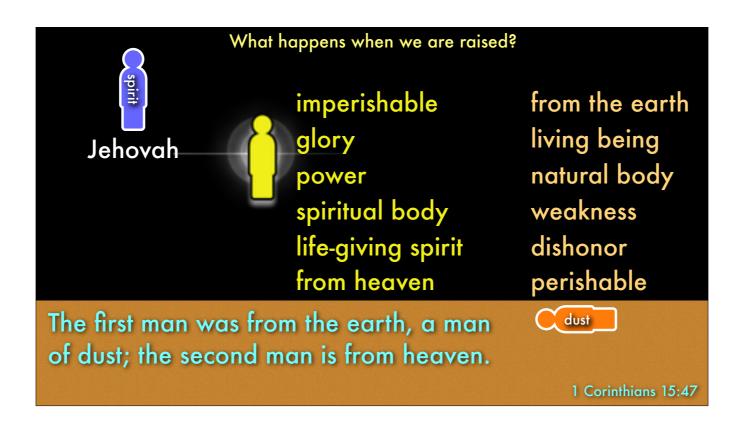
• 1 Corinthians 15:43: It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.



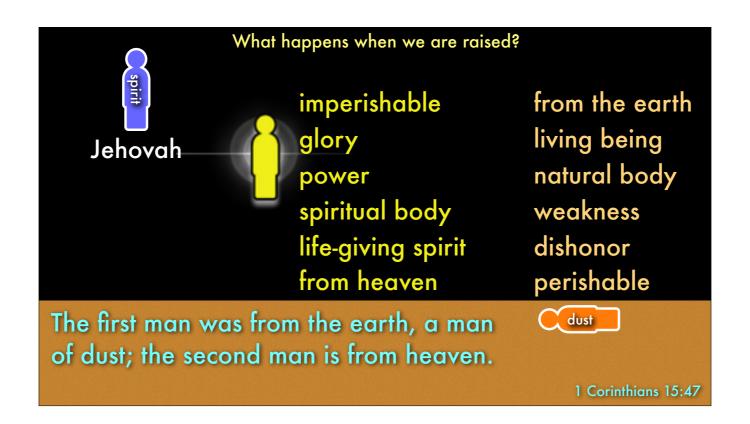
- 1 Corinthians 15:44: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.
- natural body is not made of "nature"... flesh and blood ... made to exist in a natural world, right form.
- spiritual body is not made of "spirit" ... made to exist in a spiritual world, right form.



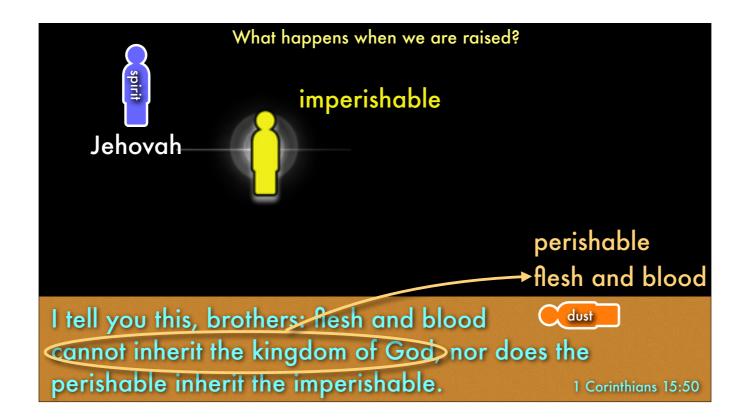
• 1 Corinthians 15:45: Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life- giving spirit.



• 1 Corinthians 15:47: The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.



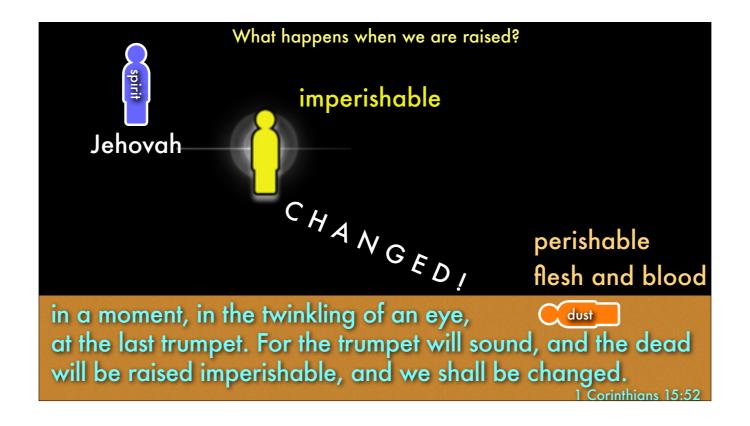
1 Corinthians 15:48: As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.



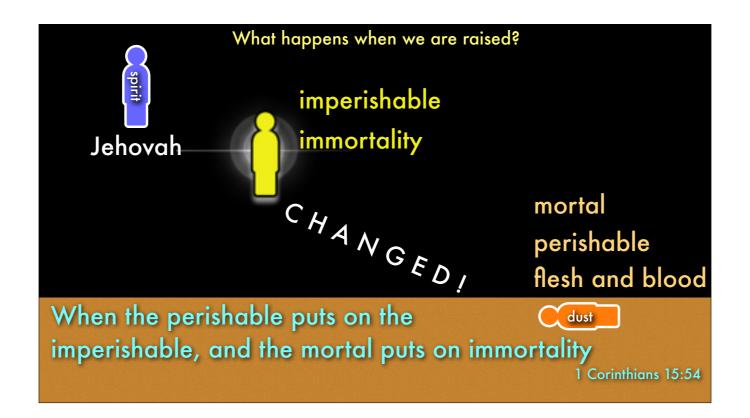
• 1 Corinthians 15:50: I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.



• 1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,



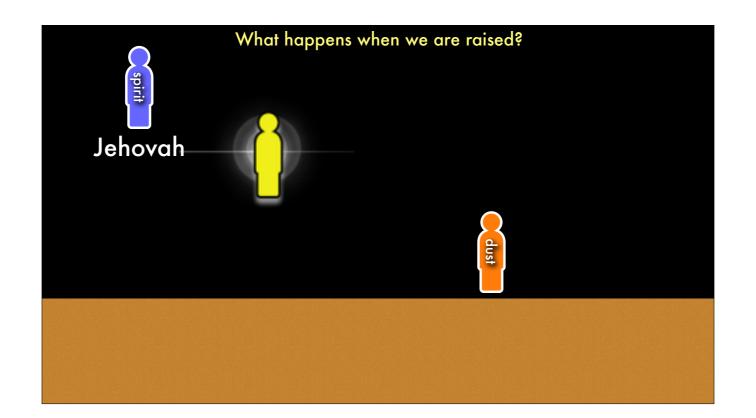
1 Corinthians 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.



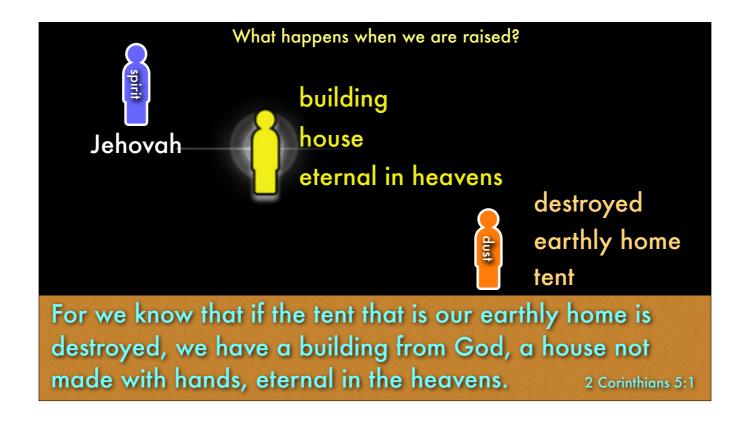
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- mortal = liable to death



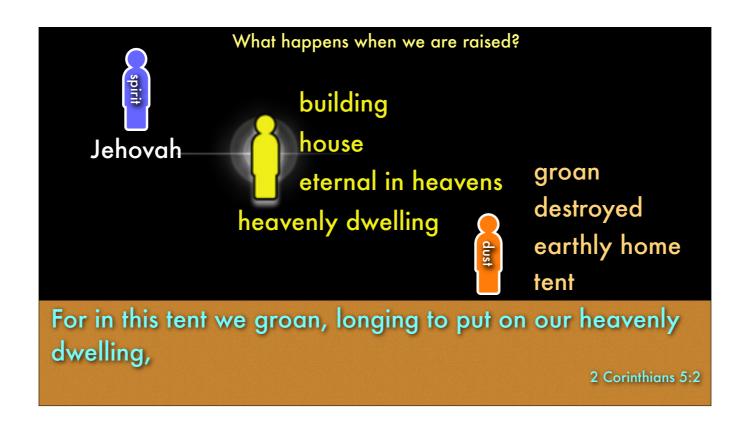
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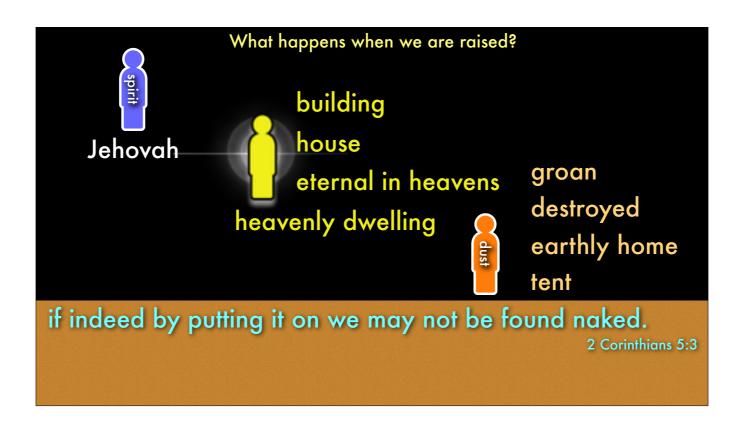
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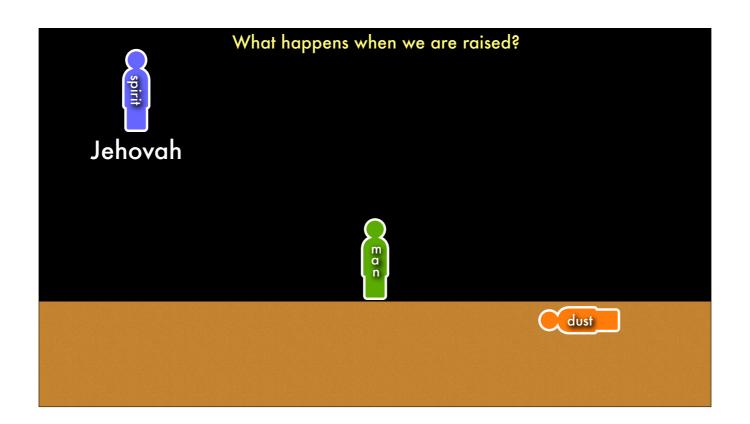
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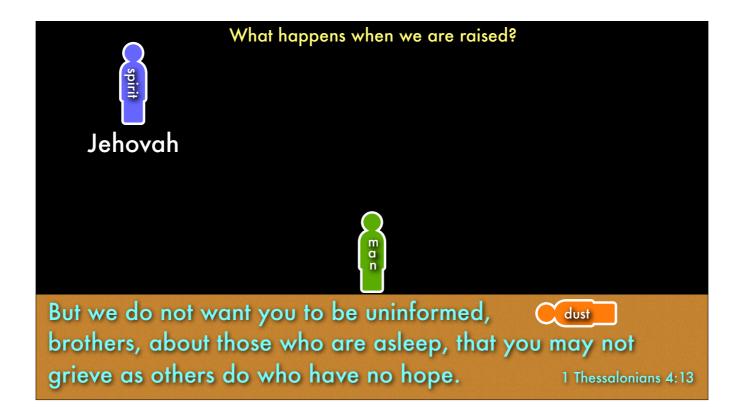
- 2 Corinthians 5:3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.
  - spiritual body is "put on"
  - · otherwise... naked
    - Physical body???
    - "spirit" without a heavenly body???



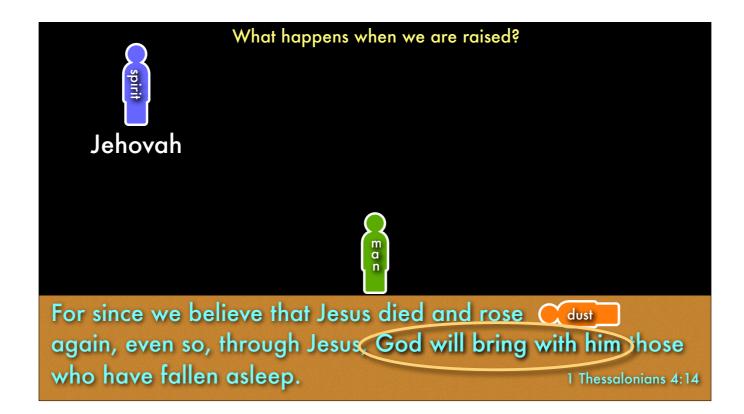
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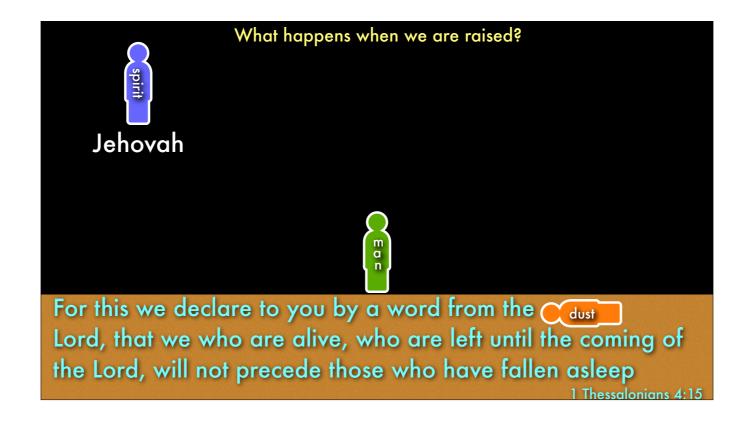
• 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



- 1 Thessalonians 4:13: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- "asleep" referring to death, certainly includes the state of the physical body.
  - NOT grieve... because this is not the final state of those who have died!



- 1 Thessalonians 4:14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
- "God will bring with him"
  - Since the body returns to dust, and has yet to be raised, what does God bring with Him?
  - It sounds like it's our spirit, which had "returned to God"



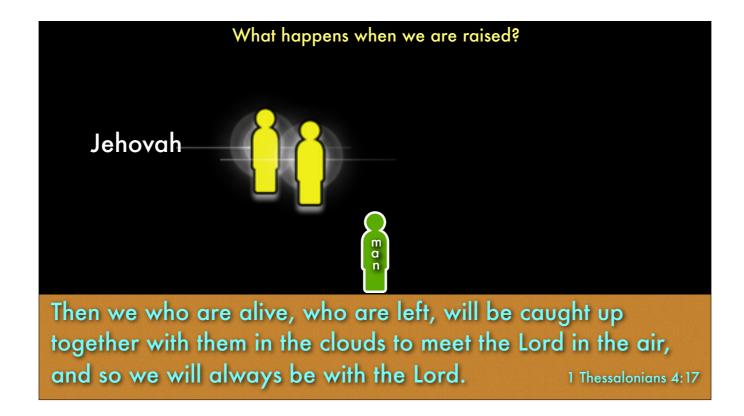
• 1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.



• 1 Thessalonians 4:16: For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.



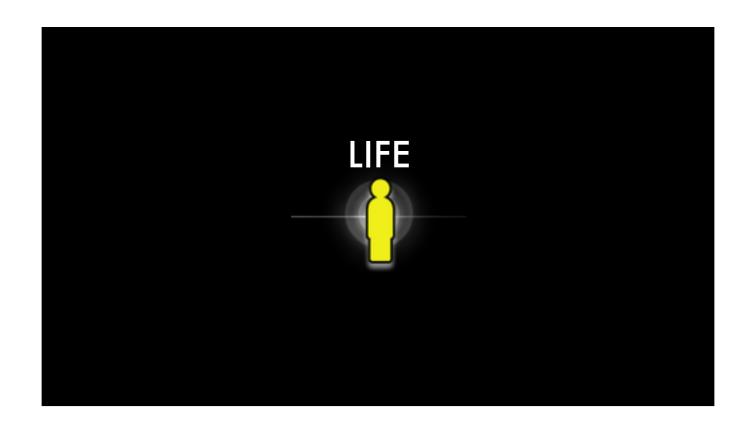
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16: And the dead in Christ will rise first.
- We've already seen that we will be raised in a glorious, spiritual body: changed.
- Perhaps at this time our spirit is united with our spiritual body?



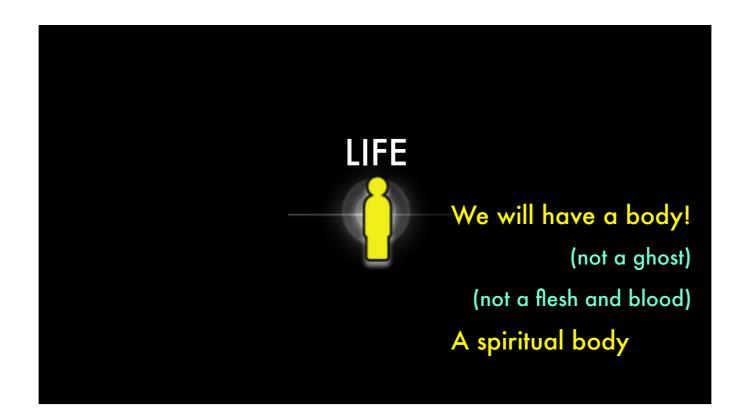
- 1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
- For us the change takes place without "death" like others have fared.



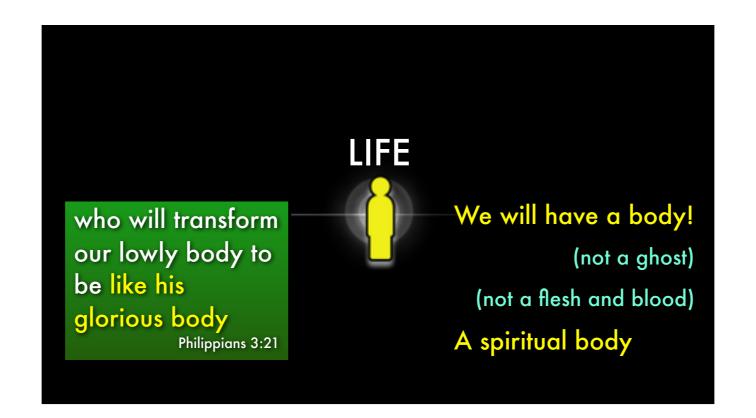
- 1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.
  - Saints who have passed away will be joined with the Lord in their changed bodies
  - Saints who are alive when Jesus returns will join the Lord in their changed bodies
- Yay!
- Where is the sting of death???
- Victory!
- · Life.



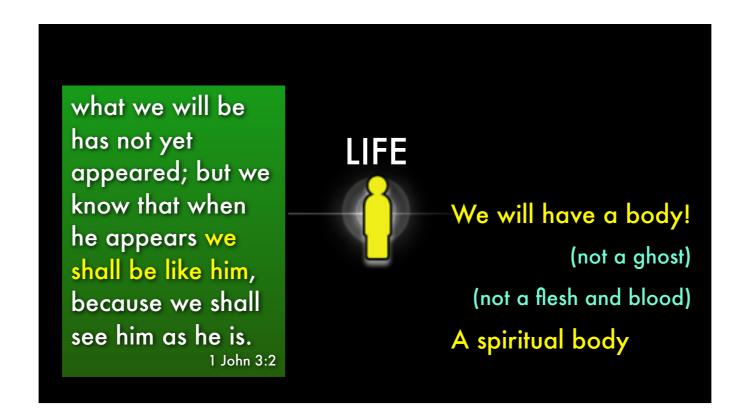
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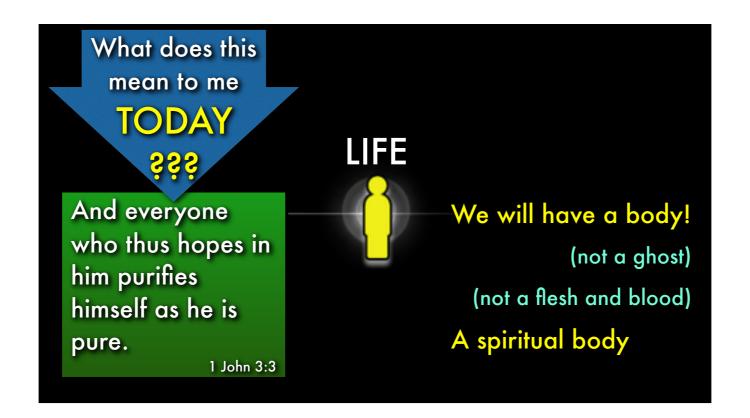
- We will have a body!
  - We will not be "ghosts" (disembodied spirits)
  - It will not be flesh and blood.
- Spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:44)
  - heavenly dwelling (2 Cor. 5:2)
  - eternal (2 Cor. 5:1)



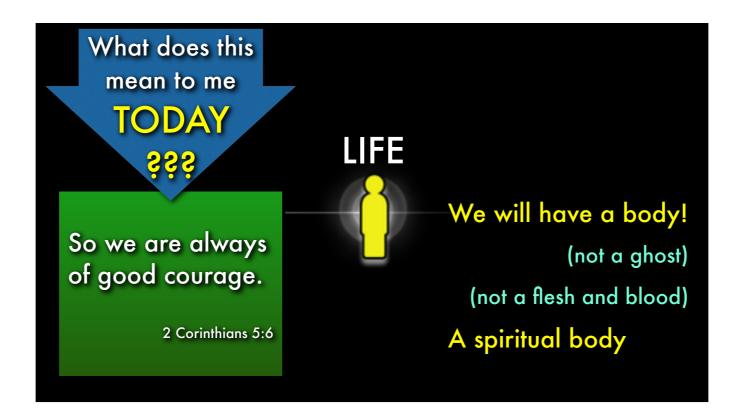
Philippians 3:20-21: But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himsel



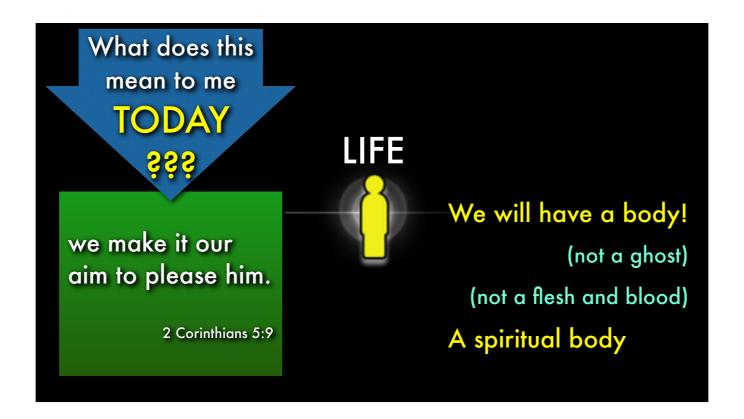
• 1 John 3:1-2: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.



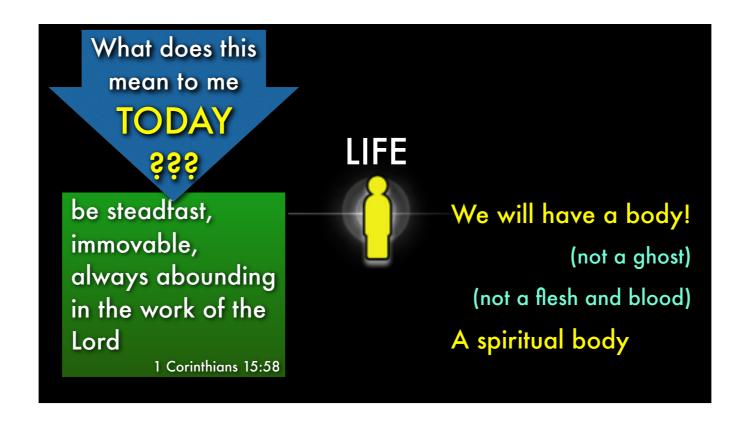
- 1 John 3:3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
- Do you look forward to eternal life?
  - The you that you are now is the you that will be then.
  - Are you seeking purity in your life now?



• 2 Corinthians 5:6: So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,



• 2 Corinthians 5:9: So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.



- 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
- (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)

## We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20



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John 10:10

<u>Synopsis:</u> One aspect of the abundant life that Jesus promised concerns the life to come. Knowing that we will be raised, what kind of body will we have in the resurrection? And what does that mean for our lives?

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