



DEATH, JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, AND HELL

The Four Last Things
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Death, that which nothing is more certain
Judgment, that which nothing is more strict
Hell, that which nothing is more terrible
Heaven, that which nothing is more delightful

DEATH

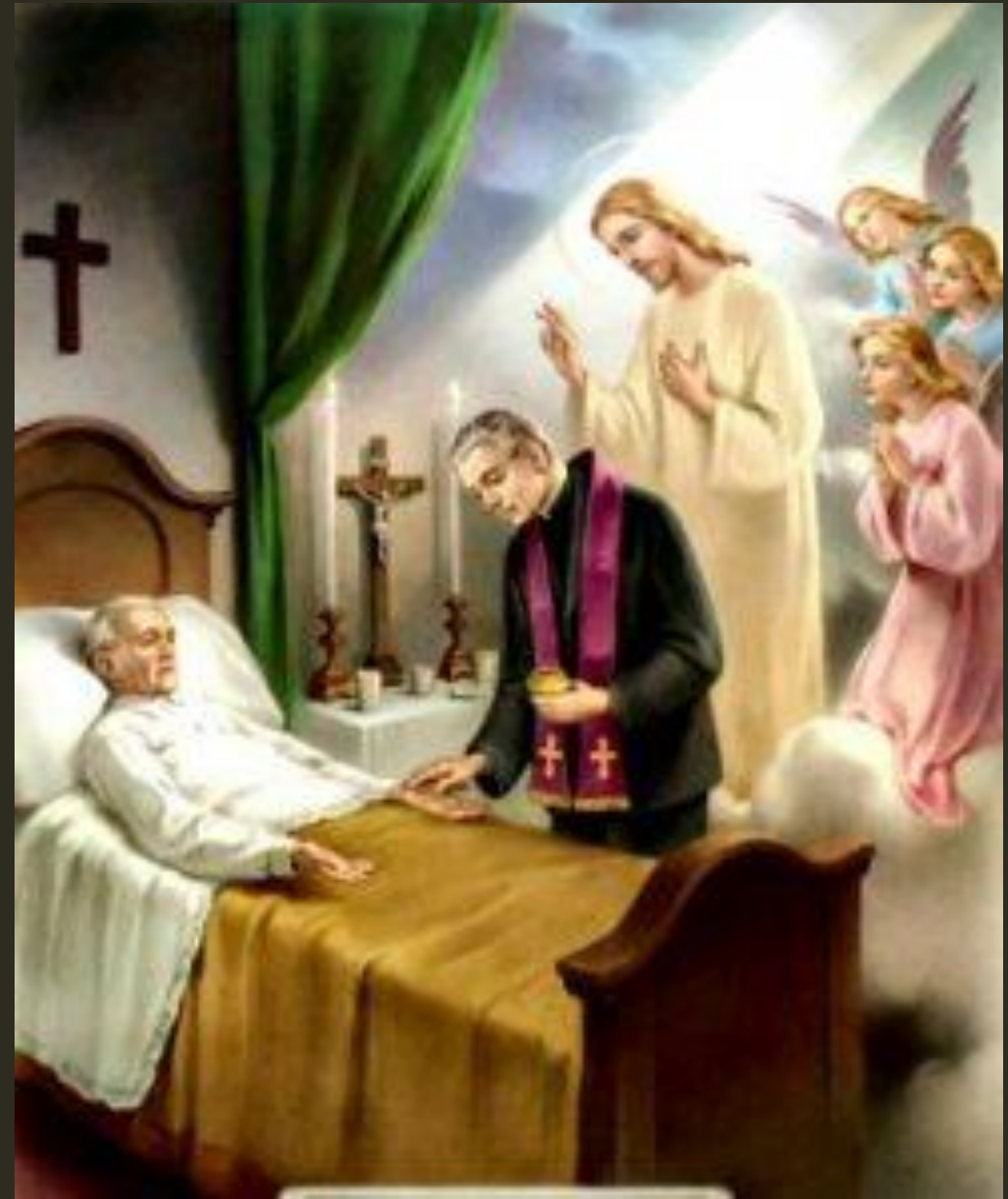
➤ *Memento Mori*: Remember death.

And the Lord commanded the man saying, "You may freely eat of every tree of the Garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Genesis 2:16-17

So, teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

Psalms 90:12



DEATH OF A SINNER VS. DEATH OF A SAINT



The Death of the Unrepentant Sinner



The Death of the Righteous

The Particular Judgment

JUDGMENT

PARTICULAR AND GENERAL

For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body. 2 Corinthians 5:10

“He will come again to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.” ---Nicene Creed, 325

“And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades (hell). For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.” Matthew 11:23-24

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats at His left.” Matthew 25:31-33



HEAVEN

“For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.” 1 Corinthians 13:12

“Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...’ Matthew 25:34

“But as it is written, no eye has seen, nor ear has heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

“Since the passion and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, these souls have seen and see the divine essence with an intuitive vision and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature by way of object of vision; rather the divine essence immediately manifests itself to them, plainly, clearly, and openly, and in this vision, they enjoy the divine essence.” Benedictus Deus, Benedict XII, 1336



HELL

“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” Matthew 7:13-14

“Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” Matthew 25:45-46

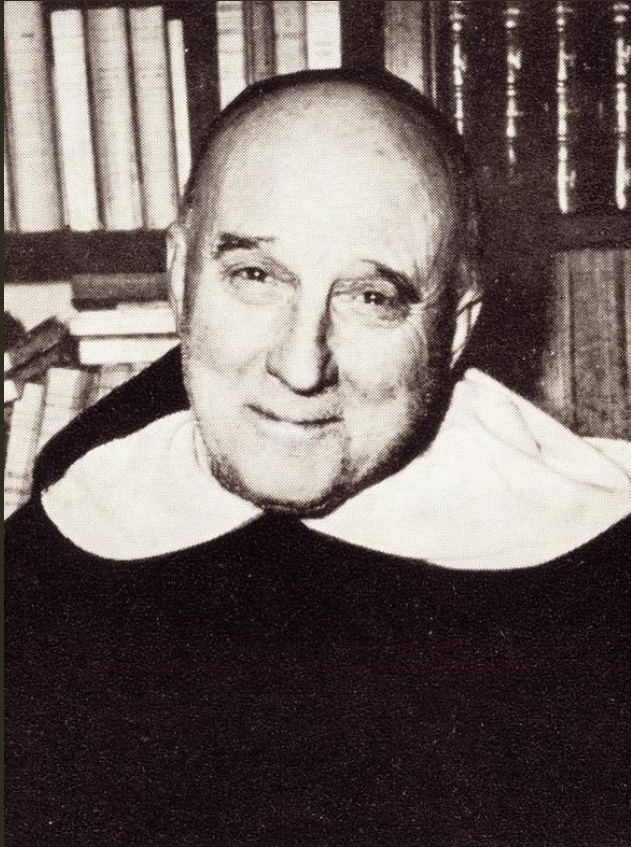
“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.” Mark 9:47-48

“We define that according to the general disposition of God, the souls of those who die in actual mortal sin go down into hell immediately after death and there suffer pain in hell.” Benedictus Deus, Benedict XII, 1342

COMMON QUESTIONS REGARDING HELL

- Is hell real?
- What happens there?
- Why does hell exist?
- Is it eternal? Why?
- How does one go?
- How many will be there?

THOSE TO BE SAVED ACCORDING TO GARRIGOU-LAGRANGE



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