



TOUGH QUESTIONS

SUMMER 2022 SERMON SERIES

*How can a loving God
allow people to go to hell?*



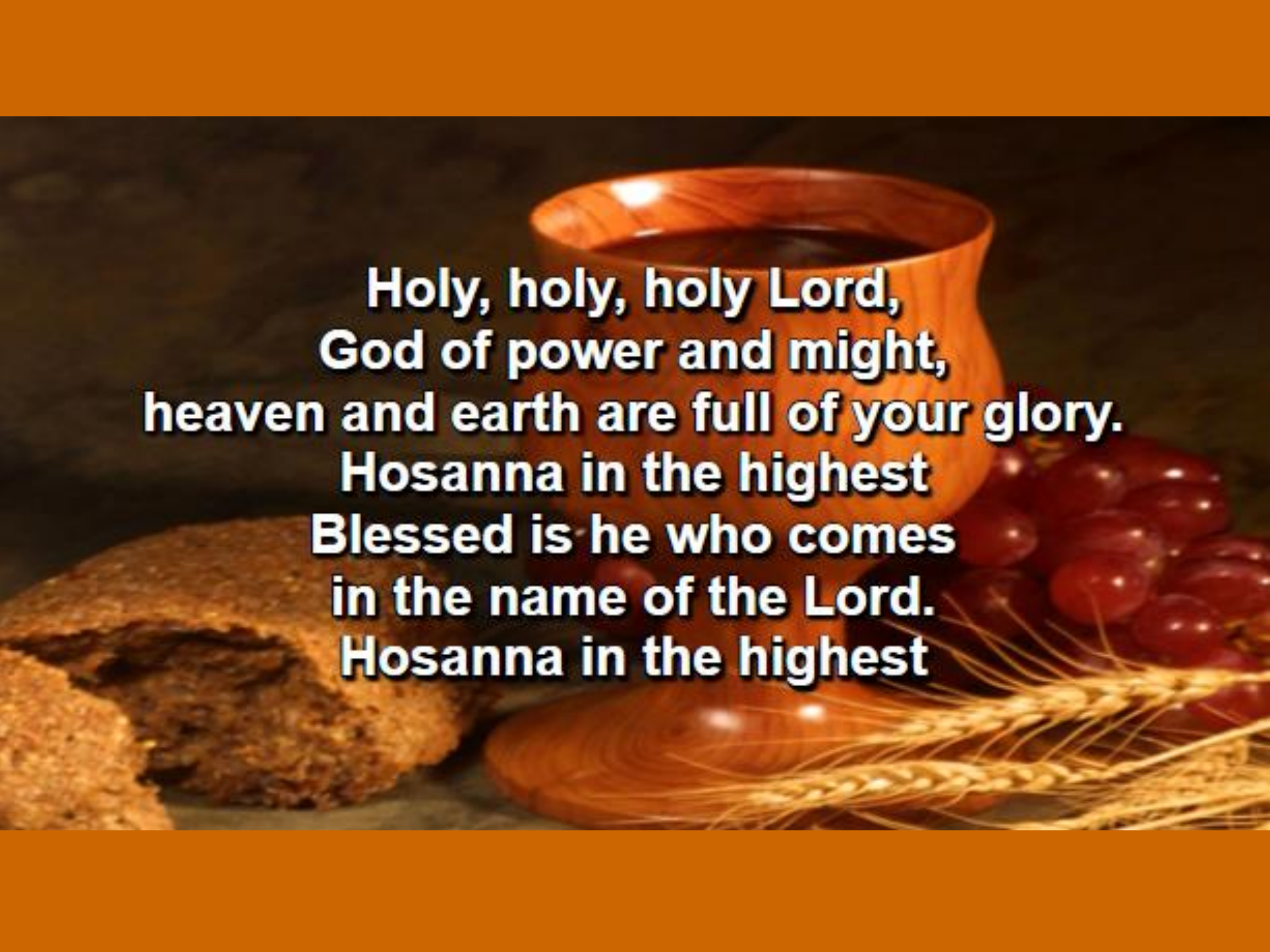
C.S. Lewis writing on Hell wrote: “There is no doctrine that I would more willingly remove from Christianity than this, if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of Scripture and especially of our Lord’s own words; it has always been held by Christendom and the support of reason.”



Later he adds the comment, “I said glibly a moment ago that I would pay any price to remove this doctrine, I lied, I could not pay one one thousand part of the price that God has already paid to remove the fact. And here's the real problem: so much mercy, yet still there is Hell.



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- 2. We do not appreciate or comprehend the perfect holiness of Holy, Holy, Holy Almighty God*
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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
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4. *We do not completely trust that God is love and is perfect in His mercy and perfect in His justice.*

5. *Most of us in our culture have not experienced the terror of raw evil*



Jesus said, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell

Matthew 10:28

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.” Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

Matthew 25:45-46



Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14



The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,



yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished...

Exodus 34:5-7



Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

Hebrews 2:1-3