



## **Covered and Unashamed**

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The sense that in this universe we are treated as strangers, the longing to be acknowledged, to meet with some response, to bridge some chasm that yawns between us and reality, is part of our inconsolable secret. And surely, from this point of view, the promise of glory, in the sense described, becomes highly relevant to our deep desire. For glory means good report with God, acceptance by God, response, acknowledgment, and welcome into the heart of things. The door on which we have been knocking all our lives will open at last.

At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door. We discern the freshness and purity of morning, but they do not make us fresh and pure. We cannot mingle with the splendors we see. But all the leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the rumor that it will not always be so. Someday, God willing, we shall get in.

— C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

- Our Future Hope: Revelation 7
  - Covering: (Rev 6:11, 7:9, 7:13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Cleansing: 7:14
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Communion with God
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Community with one another

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- Our Present Reality and Hope: Hebrews 10:19–25
  
- What are some practical implications for ministry to the guilty and shamed?
  - Hindrances
  
  
  - Helps

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