

***If A Man Die, Shall He Live
Again?***

Job 14:10-14

Introduction

- Questions posed through the ages: What happens after death? Where are the dead?
- Job had much to say about death and dying:
 - 7:1-3 → *Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? 2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work: 3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.*

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- 3:17-19 → 17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the weary be at rest. 18 *There* the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. 19 The small and great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.
- 10:9, 21-22 → 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again? 21 Before I go *whence* I shall not return, *even* to the land of darkness and the shadow of death; 22 A land of darkness, as darkness *itself; and* of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.

Introduction

- 14:10-14 → 10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: **yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?**
- 11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:
- 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.
- 13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!
- 14 **If a man die, shall he live *again*?** all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Two Basic Fact About Death

- All die. (Gen. 3:19; 5:4,6,9,12...Heb. 9:27)
 - Eccl. 9:3; 3:19-21; 12:6-7 (cf. Ps. 90:9-10; 12)
- Death is a separation of the spirit from the body – the immaterial/spiritual from the physical.
 - For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. (Js. 2:26)

False Answers...

- The Atheist → at death one ceases to exist. There is only the material world. (Ps. 14:1; Rom. 1:28; I Cor. 15:19)
- Eastern religions (Buddhist, Hindu, etc.) → One goes through an endless cycle of reincarnation, until the cycle is broken and one becomes one with the “divine”. (Heb. 9:27; Eccl. 9:4-6; cf. Gen. 3:5)
- The Watchtower Society → Deny that man has a soul – death brings an end to any conscious existence. (Lk. 16:19-31)

What Happens After Death?

- Luke 16:19-31.
 - Lives of two men (Lazarus and the rich man) presented in great contrast. (18-21)
 - They have something in common. They die and are buried. (22)
 - After death, the contrasts begin again. (22-28)
 - Lazarus carried to be with Abraham, and he is comforted. (22-23,25)
 - The rich man in hell (hades) is tormented. (24,25,28)
 - Both men have a conscious, rational existence:
 - Lazarus, who had been received “evil things” in his life experiences comfort.
 - The rich man sees, talks, experiences pain, hears and remembers.
 - One does not cease existence after death, but is conscious and rational.
 - There is a great gulf, so that one cannot pass to the other. (26)

What Happens After Death?

- “Hades” → the place of departed souls.
 - Lk. 16:23 → and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.
 - Acts 2:27 → 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. (cf. Jn. 20:17)
 - Lk. 23:43 → And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Resurrection And Return Of Jesus

- Jn. 5:28-29 → Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ***all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth***; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. (cf. Acts 24:15)
- I Thess. 4:13-14 → But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (Rev. 20:14)

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- I Thess. 4:16-17 → For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- I Cor. 15:52-53 → 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

The Judgment

- Rom. 14:12 → So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.
- II Cor. 5:10 → For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.
- Acts 17:30-31 → And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead. (Heb. 9:27)

The Destruction Of The Heavens And Earth.

- The destruction of the heavens and earth.
 - II Pet. 3:10 -13 → But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Eternity In Either Heaven Or Hell.

- II Thess. 1:7-9 → And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

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- Matt. 25:34 → Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
- Matt. 25:41 → Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

What We Receive Depends On What We Do Before We Die

- II Pet. 3:9 → The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- Acts 2:38 → Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- Mk. 16:16 → He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.