

THE LIVING KNOW THAT THEY SHALL DIE

WHAT IS DEATH?

Ecclesiastes 12:7 (KJV)

⁷ *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

Physical death is **separation** of the immaterial part of man from the material part of man. It is not a cessation of existence or consciousness but a separation of the immaterial part of man from the material part of man.

DEATH ENTER INTO MAN THROUGH SIN

1 Corinthians 15:22 (KJV)

²² *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

There is no hope in Adam, hope is only in Christ Jesus

EVERYONE IS APPOINTED TO DIE ONE DAY

Job 7:1 (KJV)

¹ *Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?*

Job 30:23 (KJV)

²³ *For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.*

Psalms 89:48 (KJV)

⁴⁸ *What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?*

Ecclesiastes 9:5 (KJV)

⁵ *For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.*

NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY AND THE TIME OF HIS DEATH

Ecclesiastes 8:6-8 (KJV)

⁶ *Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. ⁷ For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be? ⁸ There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.*

ONLY THE LIVING CAN SERVE GOD, THE DEAD CANNOT

Psalms 6:5 (KJV)

⁵ *For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?*

Isaiah 38:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸ *For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. ¹⁹ The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.*

THE STORY OF TWO MEN

Luke 12:16-21 (KJV)

*¹⁶ And he spake a parable unto them, saying, **The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:** ¹⁷ **And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?** ¹⁸ **And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.** ¹⁹ **And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.** ²⁰ **But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?** ²¹ **So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.***

Isaiah 38:1-5 (KJV)

¹ In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. ² Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, ³ And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. ⁴ Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, ⁵ Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

2 Corinthians 5:8 (KJV)

⁸ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Now, death does contain a blessing in that, by means of death, the believer goes into the very presence of God at the moment of death. For the believer's soul goes immediately into God's but the body remains asleep waiting for resurrection.

The believer's attitude should be one of recognition that, should he die, he should not fear death but realize that by death he shall be in the very presence of God. For that reason, believers are not to sorrow as the unbelievers who have no hope.