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Everyday people are faced with one of the stark realities of life.

Whether fighting in a war or faced with a potentially incurable disease or just old age, the question inevitably surfaces, What really happens when I die?

God alone has immortality. (1 Timothy 6:15,16) And yet the Bible states in Romans 2:7 that *by patient continuance in well doing we may seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life.* King David wrote in one of his psalms, speaking about man, *His breath goeth forth, he returneth to*

his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Psalm 146:4

This statement is simply the opposite of the equation for life given at creation. Gen 2:7 *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* This creates two simple equations.

Dust + breathe = a living soul

Dust - breathe = death (a
thoughtless state)

The wisest man that ever lived said in Ecclesiastes 12:7 *Then shall the dust return to the earth*

*as it was: and the spirit shall
return unto God who gave it.*

The spirit that many talk about
is simply the breath.

*Job 27:3 All the while my breath
is in me, and the spirit of God is
in my nostrils;*

-Death-

A Thoughtless State Of Sleep

Death is simply a thoughtless
state of sleep. When his friend
Lazarus died, this is exactly how
Jesus referred to death. John
11:11-14 *These things said he:
and after that he saith unto
them, Our friend Lazarus
sleepeth; but I go, that I may
awake him out of*

sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. The dead are resting in their graves, just like Lazarus was.

Would Lazarus really have appreciated being raised from the dead if he had been called back down from heaven?
In Acts 2:34 Peter states, For David is not ascended into the heavens... This was years after the death of King David whom God called a man after his own heart. (I Sam. 13:14, Acts 13:22)

If any should be in heaven, he should, for though he sinned immensely, his repentance was genuine and God forgave him.

Christ himself did not go to heaven when he died. He rested in the tomb until the resurrection. He states this when Mary sees him in the garden.

John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Psalm 115:17 states *The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.*

Psalm 6:5 reiterates, *For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?*

Can you imagine that any righteous person could be in heaven and not praising God continually?

The scriptures state that there is no wisdom or knowledge in the grave.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*

The Dead No Longer Participate In the Things of This World

The Bible is very specific that the dead no longer participate in the things of this world.

Ecclesiastes 9:5,6 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. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

Job 7:9,10 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away:

*so he that goeth down to the
grave shall come up no more.
He shall return no more to his
house, neither shall his place
know him any more.*

The dead don't return and
haunt houses or visit relatives.

These are demons
impersonating the dead, and
consulting with them is
forbidden by God.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12 *There
shall not be found among you
any one that maketh his son or
his daughter to pass through the
fire, or that useth divination, or
an observer of times, or an
enchanter, or a witch, Or a
charmer, or a consulter with
familiar spirits, or a wizard, or*

necromancer. *For all that do
these things are an
abomination unto the LORD:
and because of these
abominations the LORD thy God
doth drive them out from before
thee.*

Webster's 1828 Dictionary describes a Necromancer as –
“One who pretends to foretell
future events by holding
converse with departed spirits; a
conjuror.”

A former satanist tells the story
of a spiritualist priest who
stated, *According to the great
master, people do not even have
to seek help from the supposed
spirits of the dead to find
themselves enmeshed in*

necromancy. Belief in life after death itself, constitutes necromancy. It allows demonic spirits opportunity to impersonate the dead. (A Trip into the Supernatural-Roger Morneau pg. 60)

This is what King Saul did after the death of Samuel. 1 Samuel 28:6,7 *And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.*

1 Samuel 28:11 *Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.*

Remember, this was forbidden and pronounced an abomination by God. Leviticus 19:31 *Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.*

Is There Hope After Death?

If we know that death is like a sleep, is there any hope of life after death? The Bible promises eternal life through Jesus our Saviour.

John 17:3 *And this is life eternal, that they might know*

*thee the only true God, and
Jesus Christ, whom thou hast
sent.*

Those that accept Jesus Christ
and follow His way will again
have life one day. 1 John 5:11,12
*And this is the record, that God
hath given to us eternal life, and
this life is in his Son. He that
hath the Son hath life; and he
that hath not the Son of God
hath not life.*

We show our love for God by
keeping his commandments.
John 14:15 *If ye love me, keep
my commandments.*

1 John 2:4 *He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

Those that truly love God will be raised to everlasting life.

Daniel 12:2 *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

The Blessed Hope

Just as Jesus rose again from the dead, we have the hope of the second coming of Christ. Those that sleep in Jesus will be raised to everlasting life. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 *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.

*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (Greek-lead away) with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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:** 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.

At this point our bodies will be changed and we will be given a new immortal body.

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have*

*put on incorruption, and this
mortal shall have put on
immortality, then shall be
brought
to pass the saying that is
written, Death is swallowed up
in victory.*

It is my prayer that if you are
encountering the sting of death
you will be *Looking for that
blessed hope, and the glorious
appearing of the great God and
our Saviour Jesus Christ;* Titus
2:13

John 5:28,29

*...the hour is coming, in
the which all that are in
the graves shall hear his
voice,*

*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.*



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