

Lesson 52: What Happens When a Person Dies, Part 2

Memory Verse: John 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, 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."

1. To what does the Bible compare physical death so that we can understand it better?

Psalm 13:3 "Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I _____ the _____ of _____." The Bible compares death to _____. This is talking about the first death which all die.

2. When Jesus was here on earth, he talked about physical death as _____.

Matthew 9:24 "He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not _____, but _____." And they _____ him to _____."

Luke 8:52-53 "And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep _____; she is not _____, but _____. And they _____ him to scorn, _____ that she was _____." She was dead. They could not wake her up, but Jesus, the Lifegiver, was about to awaken her from the sleep of death.

John 11:11-14 "These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus _____; but I go, that I may _____ him out of _____. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he _____, he shall do _____. Howbeit Jesus spake of his _____: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of _____ in _____. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is _____."

3. Paul also talks about the first death as _____.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all _____, but we shall all be _____. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the _____ shall sound, and the _____ shall be _____ incorruptible, and we shall be _____."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 "But I would not have you to be _____, brethren, concerning them which are _____, that ye _____ not, even as others which have no _____. For if we _____ that Jesus _____ and _____ again, even so them also which _____ in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are _____ and remain unto the _____ of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are _____." Those who sleep in Jesus, the righteous who have died, will be raised at the 2nd coming of Jesus. God will bring them with Him back to heaven along with His faithful ones who are still alive when He comes.

Note: "In his first epistle to the Thessalonian believers, Paul endeavored to instruct them regarding the true state of the dead. He spoke of those who die as being asleep – in a state of unconsciousness."

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Example: When someone needs to have surgery, they are poked with a needle and they become totally unconscious. They don't know anything that happens during the surgery. The next thing they know is that the surgery is over and done and they have a bandage over the place that was cut. Death is something like that. A person dies, and the next thing he knows is that he is resurrected. He doesn't know anything about what happened while he was dead.

When you were young, you probably fell asleep in the car sometime and your parents carried you into the house and put you into your bed without you knowing anything about it. The next morning you woke up in your bed, but the last thing you knew is that you were in your car seat.

4. So man lieth _____, and _____ not: _____ the heavens be no more, they shall not _____, nor be raised out of their _____. Job 14:12 There is nothing on this earth that can wake up a dead person. But the voice of God can!

5. Job asks a question in Job 14:14: "If a man _____, shall he _____ again?"

How does he answer this question? Job 14:14,15: "All the _____ of my appointed time will I _____, till my _____ come. Thou shalt _____, and I will _____ thee: thou wilt have a _____ to the work of thine hands."

Job will wait in the grave. All the time until Jesus comes, he knows nothing of the passing of time or anything else that happens. But when Jesus, the Lifegiver, calls him, he will _____. Jesus will call him because He has a D_____ to have him with Him.

6. According to Jesus, where are the dead? John 5:28-29

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which _____ that are in the _____ shall hear his _____, And shall come _____; they that have done _____, unto the resurrection of _____; and they that have done _____, unto the resurrection of _____."

The dead are in their G_____ until the R_____.

7. How do we know that Jesus will raise us from the dead? Romans 8:11

"But if the _____ of him that _____ up _____ from the _____ dwell _____ you, he that _____ up _____ from the _____ shall _____ quicken _____ mortal bodies _____ his _____ that dwelleth in you."

Because Jesus rose from the dead, we have the promise that we shall also be raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit when we have surrendered ourselves to Him to allow Him to dwell in us.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 "For if we believe that _____ died and _____ again, **even** _____ them also which _____ in Jesus will God bring with him."

Note: " 'Even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him,' Paul wrote. Many interpret this passage to mean that the sleeping ones will be brought with Christ from heaven; but Paul meant that **as Christ was raised from the dead**, so God will call the sleeping saints from their graves and take them with Him to heaven. Precious consolation! **glorious hope!** not only to the church of Thessalonica, but to all Christians wherever they may be." AA 259.3

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8. When will the resurrection of those "that have done good" be? 1 Thess. 4:15-18

"For this we say unto you by the _____ of the Lord, that _____ which are _____ and remain unto the _____ of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are _____. For the Lord himself shall _____ from _____ with a shout, with the _____ of the archangel, and with the _____ of God: and the _____ in Christ shall _____ first: Then we which are _____ and remain shall be caught _____ **together with** _____ in the clouds, to _____ the Lord in the _____: and so shall we _____ be _____ the Lord." **When Jesus comes**, the D_____ in Christ shall R_____. If people went to Heaven as soon as they died, there would be no reason for a resurrection,.

9. We know that Jesus wants us with Him because He has said in John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be _____: ye believe in _____, believe also in _____. In my Father's house are many _____: if it were not _____, I would have _____ you. I go to _____ a _____ for _____. And if I go and prepare a place for _____, I will come _____, and _____ you unto _____; that _____ I _____, there _____ may _____ also."

10. When "they that have done good" are resurrected, and taken to heaven to be with Jesus, what will they do? Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and _____ is he that hath part in the _____ resurrection: on such the _____ hath no _____, but they shall be _____ of God and of _____, and shall _____ with him a _____ years."

11. John 5:29 also says that "they that have done E_____, [shall come forth] unto the resurrection of _____."

When will they be raised? Revelation 20:5 "But the _____ of the _____ lived _____ again _____ the thousand years were _____."

12. When they are raised, what will happen? Revelation 20:12-13 "And I saw the _____, small and great, _____ before _____; and the _____ were opened: and another book was _____, which is the book of _____: and the _____ were _____ out of those things which were _____ in the books, _____ to their _____. And the sea gave up the _____ which were in it; and _____ and _____ delivered up the _____ which were in them: and they were _____ every man _____ to their _____."

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Note: All the dead, no matter where they are – in the sea or in a grave or wherever they were put when they died – will be raised to stand before God and to be judged according to their works, or how they lived before they died.

"The whole wicked world stand arraigned at the bar of God on the charge of **high treason against the government of heaven**. They have none to plead their cause; they are without excuse; and **the sentence of eternal death is pronounced against them.**" GC 668.2

"All see that their exclusion from heaven is just. **By their lives they have declared: 'We will not have this Man [Jesus] to reign over us.'**" GC 668.3

"As if entranced, the wicked have looked upon the coronation of the Son of God. They see in His hands the tables of the divine law, the statutes which they have despised and transgressed. They witness the outburst of wonder, rapture, and adoration from the saved; and as the wave of melody sweeps over the multitudes without the city, all with one voice exclaim, 'Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints' (Revelation 15:3); and, **falling prostrate, they worship the Prince of life.**" GC 668.4

"Satan sees that his voluntary rebellion has **unfitted** him for heaven. He has trained his powers to war against God; the purity, peace, and harmony of heaven would be to him supreme torture. His accusations against the mercy and justice of God are now silenced. The reproach which he has endeavored to cast upon Jehovah rests wholly upon himself. And now **Satan bows down and confesses the justice of his sentence.**" GC 670.2

"Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy has now been made plain. The results of rebellion, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, have been laid open to the view of all created intelligences. **The working out of Satan's rule in contrast with the government of God has been presented to the whole universe.** Satan's own works have condemned him. God's **wisdom**, His **justice**, and His **goodness** stand fully vindicated. ... The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a **witness** that with the existence of God's law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created. With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: 'Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.'" GC 670.3

13. Then what happens to the wicked? Revelation 20:15

"And whosoever was _____ found _____ in the book of _____ was cast into the _____ of _____."

Revelation 21:8 "But the _____, and _____, and the _____, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all _____, shall have their part in the _____ which burneth with _____ and _____: which is the _____."

What is this lake of fire? It is the second _____. It is not everlasting life in eternally burning fire.

Note: "The earth's surface seems one molten mass – a vast, seething lake of fire. It is the time of the judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ... " GC 672.2

"In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch – Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited; the demands of justice have been met; and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of Jehovah." GC 673.1

"The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. **Every trace of the curse is swept away.** No eternally burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin." GC 674.1

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14. 1 Corinthians 15:26 tells us: "The last _____ that shall be _____ is _____."

Note: "Satan and all who have joined him in rebellion will be cut off. Sin and sinners will perish, root and branch, (Mal. 4:1), – Satan the root, and his followers the branches." DA 763.4

When sin is gone, its consequence, death, will also be gone.

Revelation 20:14 "And _____ and _____ were cast into the _____ of _____. This _____ the _____."

Revelation 21:4 "And God shall wipe away all _____ from their eyes; and there shall be _____ more _____, neither _____, nor _____, neither shall there be any more _____: for the former things are passed away."

Note: "Pain cannot exist in the atmosphere of heaven. There will be no more tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning." 'There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying: ... for the former things are passed away.' 'The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: **the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.**' Revelation 21:4; Isaiah 33:24." GC 676.1

"The great controversy is ended. **Sin and sinners are no more.** The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love." GC 678.3

15. Let us summarize what we have learned about death:

- a. Death is compared to a deep S_____. John 11:11-14
- b. All the dead will be R_____. John 5:28,29
- b. The dead are in their G_____ until the resurrection. John 5:28
- c. There will be 2 resurrections,
a resurrection of L_____ and a resurrection of damnation. John 5:29
- d. The righteous dead will be raised
in the same way that J_____ was raised from the dead. Romans 8:11
- f. They will be raised by the power of the Holy S_____. Romans 8:11
- g. They will be raised when J_____ comes again. 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17
- h. They will go to heaven to be w_____ Him forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- i. They will live and reign with Him _____ years. Revelation 20:6
- j. The rest of the dead [the wicked] will be raised
after the 1000 years are F_____. Revelation 20:5
- k. They will be judged according to their W_____. Revelation 20:12,13
- l. They will die the _____ death in the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15; 21:8
- m. After the 2nd death, when all sin is gone, there will be no more D_____.
Revelation 21:4

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