

## WE WILL CONSIDER

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## THE TRUTH ABOUT

# Death

### *Everyone Dies*

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'What man can live and never see death?'

Psalm 89:48

The answer is "no-one"! Everyone dies at some point. No-one lives for ever. 'The living know that they will die' (Ecclesiastes 9:5).

### *Why do we die?*

In the beginning, God gave Adam and Eve a law and told them that if they disobeyed the law they would die (Genesis 2:16-17). A snake with the power of speech tempted Eve to disobey God's law. She and Adam chose to sin and were sentenced to death (Genesis 3:1-6,19). Since then, all Adam's and Eve's descendants are troubled by temptation to sin and all die (Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 15:22).

### *What happens when we die?*

When Adam sinned, God told him that he was made of the dust and would return to dust (Genesis 3:19). The Bible teaches that dead people have no memory, thoughts or feelings: 'The living know that they shall die; but the dead do not know anything, nor do they have any more a reward; for their memory is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished ... Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no work, nor plan, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave where you go.' (Ecclesiastes 9:5-6,10)

Dead people cannot remember God, praise Him or hope in Him (Psalm 6:5; Isaiah 38:18). Death is like sleep (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

Dead people simply return to dust and are unconscious. No part of them keeps living.

### *We do not go to heaven when we die*

"No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man."

John 3:13

The only person who has ever gone to heaven is Jesus Christ. Even he did not go straight to heaven when he died; he was raised and spoke with his disciples for forty days before going into heaven (John 20:17; Acts 1:3,9-11). Jesus told his disciples that they could not go into heaven, where he was going (John 7:33-34, 8:21).

The Apostle Peter specifically told the Jews that David, the man after God's own heart, had not ascended into the heavens (Acts 2:29,34).

### *Souls are not immortal*

"The soul who sins shall die."

Ezekiel 18:4,20

When the Bible talks about a soul, it just means a person's life. When God made Adam, He 'formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7 MKJV). When God takes that breath away, we die and return to dust (Psalm 104:29). Souls can sin and souls die (Ezekiel 18:4, 20).

## *The Hope of the Bible - Resurrection*

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever”.

Daniel 12:2-3

Our hope for the future is here on the earth. Jesus Christ will come back to the earth (Acts 1:11) and set up a Kingdom on behalf of God his Father “that shall never be destroyed” (Daniel 2:44).

Jesus Christ will raise the dead and give eternal life on the earth to the faithful (1 Corinthians 15:51-54; Psalm 37:11; Matthew 5:5). We will be given new bodies that cannot be tempted to sin (2 Peter 1:4).

As perfect children of God we will not be able to commit sins (1 John 3:5,9). We will be immortal – living for ever, equal with the angels and continually serving God (Luke 20:36).

*More information*

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### SUMMARY

Everyone dies

We die because of sin

Dead people cannot think or feel any more

Dead people return to dust

No part of us continues to live anywhere. 'Soul' in the Bible means 'life'. When our life finishes our 'soul' dies.

The hope of the Bible is resurrection from the dead and eternal life on earth when Jesus Christ returns.

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