WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

It is estimated that 150,000 souls pass into eternity each day. Loved ones weep over the silent forms of loved ones who have gone into eternity. They call unto them, but there is no answer. When the grim reaper, Death, comes, there is nothing that man can do, for the dying one is going to his LONG HOME in heaven or in eternal torment. God gives a solemn warning to all men in Eccl.12: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;...because man goeth to his LONG HOME and the mourners go about the streets:...Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Heb.9:27 tells us that it is appointed unto men once to die, and after that the judgment. Where are the dead ones now? The saved are in heaven with Jesus, and the lost are in hell awaiting the resurrection of their physical bodies. See Luke 16 and 2 Cor.5:6-8, for the Word of God on this subject.

Death comes suddenly upon many, overtaking them without warning. 2 Cor. 6:2 gives a solemn warning "...now is the accepted time; behold, now is the Day of Salvation." The Bible speaks of two ways: "The Straight and Narrow Way" that leads to heaven, and "The Broad Way" that leads to hell. The Word of God speaks of two states: "The Saved" and "The Lost". It tells of two gates: One leads to eternal life, and the other to everlasting torment. The Bible speaks of two destinies: One is filled with unutterable joy, and the other, with endless horror. Everyone is walking in one of these two ways; living in one of these two states; will pass through one of these two gates, and is going to spend his eternal future in one of these two permanent destinies. Dear friend, decide wisely now, for it will mean your eternal destiny. How horrible and unending is the remorse of the precious souls in hell as they think of what they might now be enjoying, if they had only heeded the Word of God, and accepted His offer of salvation through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

Beloved, all must die. Gen. 5 states repeatedly: "And he died." All men have been forced to die, with the exception of Enoch and Elijah. Heb. 9:27 states: "...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." You and I will be no exception, for we must die in due time, unless Jesus returns before our time comes to depart. James 4:14 asks the question: "...what is your life?" James answers it with: "It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Ps. 90 says that our lives are as grass, as a watch in the night, as a sleep, and as a tale that is told. Life is so SHORT; Eternity is so LONG; Death is so CERTAIN, that the wise thing for you, is to make your salvation certain NOW, through the "Cleansing Blood" of Jesus Christ. Read God's offer of Salvation in John 3:16 & John 1:12.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SOUL AT DEATH?

The lost soul lives on earth without repentance of sin, enters into death, is released from his body of clay, with a tormented spirit, into an environment of unlimited hate, and is carried away to hell as we are told in Luke 16. He is cast without mercy into a place of weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth; into a place of everlasting darkness, punishment and pain. His lost soul will remain in hell until the second resurrection, when he will be cast, in his resurrected body, into a lake of fire, as we are told in Rev. 20:11-15.

At death, the saved soul moves out of his physical body of weakness, dust and pain, into a beautiful new world. This new environment is one of perfect love with Jesus, in heaven. The saved one is reunited with his Christian loved ones who have gone on before, and with the saved of all ages. He will live in heaven with Jesus until the first resurrection, when he will receive his resurrection body, and will live with Jesus in the Holy City forever, as we are told in 2 Cor. 5 and Rev. 21.

Where will you spend eternity? The instant you die, you will be in heaven or hell. Which will it be? Jesus died for all your sins when He shed His precious blood on the Cross of Calvary. Reject Him as your personal Saviour, and you will be lost forever. Repent of your sins, as God's Word admonishes in Luke 13, and receive by faith, the Christ who died for you on the Cross, and you will be saved by the grace of God. John 6:37 gives God's Promise to you: "...him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." Come to Jesus now and He will not cast you out. Reject Him now and the mighty angels of God will cast you into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth forever.

After you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, read your Bible daily; pray daily; attend a spiritual, soul-winning, missionary church; separate yourself from all known sin; witness daily for Him, the One who died for you, and you will not backslide.

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If you wish to be saved, pray this prayer:

Dear God, I am a poor lost soul, but I do want to be saved. I am sorry for my sins and I do believe that Jesus Christ, Your Son, died on the Cross to pay for my sins in full. I do receive Jesus right now as my personal Saviour and Lord. Thank you for saving my soul. Help me to live for you every day.

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