



Are the Dead  
**REALLY DEAD?**



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<sup>ESV</sup> **Matthew 3:5-7** Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"



A silhouette of a person walking away from the camera down a long, arched brick tunnel. The tunnel is constructed of dark bricks, and the floor is a light-colored, possibly stone or concrete, surface. At the far end of the tunnel, a bright, glowing light source creates a strong backlighting effect, casting a long shadow of the person onto the floor. The light also illuminates the interior of the tunnel, creating a warm, golden glow that fades into darkness as it moves away from the exit.

**What Happens When We Die?**



# The Big Lie

<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 2:15-17** The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."



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<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"





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ESV **Genesis 3:4-5** " ... You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."



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<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 1:20-21** And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living **creatures** (nephesh), and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living **creature** (nephesh) that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.



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<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 3:19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



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I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. <sup>19</sup> For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup> All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.

ESV **Ecclesiastes 3:18-20**





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<sup>ESV</sup> **Psalms 6:5** For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

<sup>ESV</sup> **Psalms 115:17** The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.



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ESV **Isaiah 38:17-19** Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. <sup>18</sup> For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. <sup>19</sup> The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness.





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<sup>ESV</sup> **Job 34:12-15** Of a truth, God will not do wickedly, and the Almighty will not pervert justice. <sup>13</sup> Who gave him charge over the earth, and who laid on him the whole world? <sup>14</sup> If He should set His heart to it and gather to Himself His spirit and His breath, <sup>15</sup> all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.



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<sup>ESV</sup> **Job 32:8** But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand.





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<sup>ESV</sup> **Ecclesiastes 12:1,7** Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them" ... <sup>7</sup>and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.



# the Book of Life

You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; *Are they* not in Your **book**?

NKJ **Psalm 56:8**



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I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your **book** were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

ESV **Psalm 139:14-16**





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<sup>ESV</sup> **John 11:11-14** After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen **asleep**, but I go to awaken him."  
<sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died ..."

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# the Awakening

<sup>ESV</sup> **Isaiah 26:19-21** Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, **awake** and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead. <sup>20</sup> Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by. <sup>21</sup> For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.



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<sup>ESV</sup> **Daniel 12:1** "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall **awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.



# the Awakening

... we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

ESV **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**



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*Peace be Unto You*