

*Imminent Bible Study Series*



**WHAT  
HAPPENS  
AFTER  
DEATH?**

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Allen Woody, a film writer, director, and actor, once said about death as follows, *"It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens."*

So, what happens when a person demise? Since this is a matter of death and life, we use nothing but God's holy Words alone.

### **1. Where is the person, who died?**

Many years ago, a great nobleman lived; whose name was Job! He asked this thoughtful question,

*"But a man dies and is laid low; man breathes his last, and where is he?"* (Job 14:10)

### **2. What happens when we die?**

Life return to the giver, the body returns to the dust, and Soul travels to the Lord for its eternal destiny!

*"Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord."*

(2 Corinthians 5:8)

*"And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."* (Ecclesiastes 12:7)

### **3. Do we return to this life again?**

According to Bible once we die, no more we return to this life in the same way it departed.

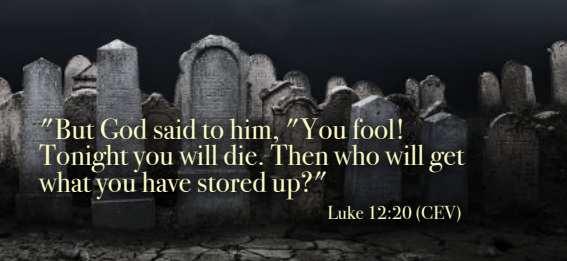
*"As the cloud fades and vanishes, so he who goes down to Sheol does not come up"* (Job 7:9)

*"He returns no more to his house, nor does his place know him anymore."* (Job 7:10)

### **4. Does soul sleep until the Judgement-day?**

The plain reading of scripture shows, the deceased's soul instantly travels to the Lord's presence for Judgment, moreover, "Soul sleeping theory" confronts the teachings of Apostle Paul.

*"...Away from the body and at home with the Lord"*  
(2 Corinthians 5:8)



**"But God said to him, "You fool!  
Tonight you will die. Then who will get  
what you have stored up?"**

Luke 12:20 (CEV)

*"...God will bring with him those who have fallen  
asleep."* (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

### **5. Does Bible teach the 'Reincarnation(rebirth)' of a soul?**

No, not at all! There is only one life, one death, and  
thereafter Judgment.

*"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and  
after that comes judgment,"* (Hebrews 9:27)

### **6. What eternal destiny awaits to a righteous, and to a wicked?**

To the unsaved:

*"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me,  
you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil  
and his angels.'"* (Matthew 25:41)

To the saved:

*"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the  
kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."*  
(Matthew 13:43)

### **7. Does every soul adorn with RIP(Rest in Peace)?**

The Cross that made out of stone or metal with the  
texted "RIP" does no good!

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and  
believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not  
come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."*  
(John 5:24)

## 8. Why should we take the warning of the Scripture all by heart?

Because there is no rest in Hell:

*"And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night..."*(Rev. 14:11)  
*"...for I am in anguish in this flame..."* (Luke 16:24)

Therefore with all diligence seek the real rest:

*"... let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it."* (Heb. 4:1)  
*"Let us, therefore, strive to enter that rest..."*(Heb. 4:11)

## 9. What is the ultimate bottom line of 'Human Life'?

*"For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world."* (1 Tim. 6:7)  
*"So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God."* (1 Peter 4:2)  
*"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."* (Gal. 6:7)

## 10. A challenging quest for a truth seeker?

*"...where have you come from and where are you going?..."* (Genesis 16:8)

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"For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rom. 6:23(ESV)



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