

*If a Man Dies,  
Shall He Live Again?*

(Job 14:14)

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## **If a Person Dies, Will He Live Again?**

As we consider the loss of a loved one, we can become overwhelmed with debilitating sorrow, horrible emptiness, terrible grief, and frustrated anger. We begin to ask ourselves many questions about life and why events happen the way they do. Are there real answers to the seemingly unanswerable questions of life and death? Where can we turn for help and comfort?

This booklet is written from a Christian perspective. We consider those reading this material to be at least familiar with the existence of God and some of the elementary principles of the Bible. If you are not a Christian, but would like to learn more about the Christian faith, please visit our website to learn much more about God and His plans for you.

Down through the ages, mankind has been plagued with questions like, "What is life?", "Why do people have to die?", and "If we die, will we live again?" We want you to know there are complete, detailed, and truthful answers to each one of these questions. You can have the answers! God has revealed them in His Word, the Holy Bible. God offers you a rock-solid foundation on which to build your understanding and your faith.

In the book of Job, reportedly the oldest book in the Bible, Job wondered about life and death. He had some of the same questions we have today. He said, "Oh, that You would hide me in the grave, that You would conceal me until Your wrath is past, that You would appoint me a set time, and remember me! **If a man dies, shall he live again?** All the days of my hard service **I will wait, till my change comes.** You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall desire the work of Your hands" (Job 14:13-15 NKJV). Job had a hope of life after death. He waited for a time when his change would come.

### **Before Time**

To understand life and what is happening in the world today, we must first have a basic concept of time. Time is a relative term. It is calculated by the earth rotating on its axis and our course around the sun. The God we worship lives outside time and space. He lives in eternity. He is Eternity! He embodies Eternity! He makes eternity what it is! And our Almighty God, from before the foundation of the World, devised a plan, of which you and I and all who have ever lived, have become a part without knowing anything about it. This plan of God's has been concealed as a great mystery until the end of this age. Now it has been revealed. God has made it clear for everyone to understand.

Eons of years ago, before God created the earth, He developed a plan to have a family. That's right! God made a way to reproduce after the Godkind! That is why you and I are here today!

First, God created a spirit realm in which spirit beings would live forever. This was the world of the angels and beings described in the Bible around God's throne. In this

angelic kingdom, there were millions and millions of angels and over them were three archangels (super angels); their names were Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer. These angels, immortal sons of God, sang for joy when God created the earth. (See Job 38:7.)

One of the responsibilities of this created, spirit world was to help fulfill God's awesome plan of producing a family. The earth and everything in it was created to facilitate this astounding feat. Lucifer, called "son of the morning," and one third of the angels were sent down to this planet earth to prepare it for the creation of mankind. But Lucifer, in this process, learned of God's plan to turn these physical beings into Spirit beings; they would actually be part of the God family and rule with God.

Lucifer became embittered about God eventually making mere physical, flesh and blood, beings into eternal Sons of God. This meant man would become greater than the angels.

All this happened before and during the age of the dinosaurs.

You probably have heard of the idea of the trinity. Well, do you know that this was a thought developed by Lucifer, now called Satan? As this Lucifer became more and more embittered, he devised a plan to sweep from earth back up to heaven and, gain by force, a seat of power. He wanted to be part of the Godhead. We read of this in Isaiah 14:12-15, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [the other angels] of God: I will sit also upon the mount [throne] of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds [of this earth]; I will be like the most High.**' Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

You see, Satan has, for a long time, wanted to be LIKE THE MOST HIGH. He has **desired a throne just like the Father and Jesus** have and he wanted to be a part of the Godhead; Father, Son, and Lucifer as the third spirit! He wanted to be thought of as a "holy spirit."

Satan, who now has no light in him, wants to appear as an angel of light and his ministers also want to be considered righteous. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (II Cor. 11:14-15).

The idea of a trinity in the Godhead is a scheme that Satan has planted within the pages of the Holy Bible (I John 5:7) hundreds of years after the original text was written. You can learn much more about Satan's deceptions in the following booklets: *The Godhead, The Holy Spirit, The Family of God* and *The Day of The Lord, Understanding the Book of Revelation*. Both of these booklets will help you learn more about God and His plan for you. You can download your free copies at our website: [www.thelittlebook.com](http://www.thelittlebook.com).

Jesus Christ recounts Satan's fall when He said, "...I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18 NKJV). And again in Revelation 12:3-4, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon... his tail drew the third part of the stars [angels, now demons] of heaven, and did cast them to the earth..." It was Satan who brought sin to this world and he is the author of it!

Between Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" and verse 2, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep..." were millions and millions of years.

The Hebrew words for "without form" and "void" are *tōhū* and *bohū*.

God is not the author of chaos, disarray, and confusion! God said He didn't create the *tōhū* and *bohū* described in Genesis. In Isaiah 45:18 God Himself declares, "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, **He created it not in vain** [*tōhū*], He formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else." And we read in I Corinthians 14:33, "For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace..."

So we see that God didn't create the mess described in Genesis 1:2. God made the earth to be inhabited and sent Lucifer and one third of the angels to the earth to put the finishing touches on the earth in preparation for mankind.

But at some point during these millions of years was the time of Satan's rebellion. There was a colossal battle in our solar system. This warfare dwarfs into insignificance any space battle the human mind has ever imagined. The asteroid belt in our solar system has been linked to an exploded planet and may have been caused by this epic battle between God and Satan. It is said that asteroids could be the reason the dinosaurs were obliterated about sixty-five million years ago. We can see in this solar system evidence of that great battle. Some of our closer planets and our moon are pockmarked with many craters as proof of this great struggle. Just imagine the earth with more craters than the moon but covered with water and a thick slurry of mud with darkness everywhere. There was no sunlight. Because of this intensive battle, the earth became a place of complete chaos. Such was the condition of the face of the earth when God took over Satan's mess.

In Satan's rebellion against God, he drew one third of the angels, now demons, into collaborating with him in his sadistic plan for greed and power. It is this mutiny, by Satan and the demons, that has caused all the destruction in the heavens and on the earth. The earth became a mess—"without form and void."

We cover all these events so you will understand that much has happened before mankind entered the scene.

God then went about recreating the earth in preparation for human beings, as described in Genesis 1. God did this work in six, earth days. You may have noticed that everything God created was "good."

When God creates, He does not make messes! What He creates may not be totally finished but He doesn't leave it in chaos!

You may have also observed that everything was created to **reproduce after its kind. No creature could turn into another kind of creature. Each had to stay within its genetic boundaries.** "...Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so" (Gen. 1:24). Man did not come from monkeys or apes! No ape ever turned into a man and there is no "missing link" to be found in the fossil record of the earth because it never happened!

So now we see a remodeled, planet earth after Satan's destruction and rebellion. It is into this environment that God fashioned a man. God placed Adam and, shortly thereafter, Eve into a beautiful garden called Eden. It was perfect for all their physical needs. But there was one remaining problem. Satan was also there. You see, Satan and one third of the angels, now demons, were also placed there as ruler and caretakers. When they failed by sinning, God left them as bad examples. These spirit beings were left here on the earth until Jesus Christ and the saints qualified to replace them.

Satan was left in charge of the earth. **This world, that is this society, is Satan's world not God's.** If you question that statement, examine Matthew 4:8-9. In these verses we see that **Satan offered Jesus Christ the kingdoms of the world. They were his to give!** Satan is the author of this sick world in which we live. It is his influence in the lives of men that has caused so much suffering, misery, heartache, and sorrow. His Greek name, Apollyon means destroyer (Rev. 9:11).

## **Sin and Death Enter the Human Race**

Now, with this type of environment, God knew man would sin. Man was placed into a world that was filled with sin. Sin was everywhere because Satan and the demons were here. Satan, the author of the lie, the master of deceit and the half-truth—truth mixed with error, wasted no time in reaching Adam and Eve. He called God a liar by saying that Adam and Eve could eat of the tree in the center of the garden and not die. Satan tempted Adam and Eve to eat. Eve took of the tree, ate it, and gave it to Adam to eat. Thus sin entered the human race. And because of this sin, it is now appointed for all of us human beings to die a physical death. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world [the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human family], and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

**For this cause, because of the sin of Adam and Eve, we must die once.** This is the reason we experience all the suffering and anguish when a loved one dies. But I don't want you to be discouraged or lose hope. And please don't think that this life is the sum total of our existence. There is an exciting future yet ahead and there is great joy and happiness that awaits us in the fulfillment of God's plan.

From the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8) God, in His Master Plan, determined that Jesus would be sent to earth to live a perfect life and die to pay the penalty of all our

sins. He would then qualify to replace Satan as the rightful ruler of the earth. You can find out all about this part of God's marvelous plan by reading the Gospel of John. Further understanding of God's purpose can be gained by reading our booklet *The Gospel Truth*.

The coming of Jesus accomplished much in God's plan. His perfect life and death paved the way for us to also be born into the God family. He was the firstborn of many brothers and sisters. "For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters" (Rom. 8:29 NLT). Jesus was the first after which there will follow many other brothers and sisters. These Christians are called the firstfruits of God's creation. This is explained in detail when you read the entire eighth chapter of Romans.

### **First Resurrection**

We read in Hebrews that, "...**it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment**: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:27-28).

**There are two resurrections and two judgments mentioned in the Bible. The first resurrection is a sentencing to eternal life!** This judgment is on the righteous that have received the Holy Spirit and have died in faith. They have been judged by their works during their lifetime. This may sound strange to many Christians. You see, we are saved through faith, "For by grace are ye saved through faith..." but "...we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8, 10). And Jesus said in Revelation 20:13 that, "...they were judged every man according to their works."

John spoke of this first resurrection in Revelation 20:4-5, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This is the first resurrection.**" **To say there is a "first resurrection" means there will also be at least a second resurrection!** This second resurrection will be covered in a few moments.

For Christians who have been called and chosen to receive God's Holy Spirit, our judgment is now! Now is the time God is studying our lives and working with us to create His character in us. We are being tested and refined. The Apostle Peter said it this way, "For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God [that time is from the moment we receive the Holy Spirit]: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (I Pet. 4:17-18). We, as Christians, are being judged now; our judgment is while we are alive with the Spirit of God in us. God

judges us as to how we grow in the grace and knowledge of His Son Jesus. This judgment is for determining where we will fit in His Government in the Kingdom of God.

## **A Secret Part of God's Marvelous Plan**

The disciples of Jesus came to Him and asked, "...Why speakest Thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, 'Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but **to them it is not given**. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore **speaking I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand**. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, "By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; **lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them**" (Matt. 13:10-15). You can find out more about *Why Jesus Spoke in Parables* by downloading this free booklet from our website.

## **The Death of a Saint**

God, in His wisdom, is not calling everyone to salvation and eternal life right now! There is an order to His plan. Jesus Christ was the first to be resurrected from the dead to eternal life. Then, at His return, all the saints who have died in the Lord will be resurrected from their graves (the "firstfruits") to everlasting life. Then those Christians, who are alive at His return, will be changed, in the twinkling of an eye, into their spirit bodies to eternal life.

We will address the Christians first. The Apostle Paul didn't want the church at Thessalonica to be ignorant of the death of a saint. So he said, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, **that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope**. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:13-18).

It should be of great comfort for all believers everywhere to know that they will see their loved ones again! This is the first resurrection from the dead!

## **The Rest of the Dead**

"What happens to everyone else who has died that are not Christians"?

This is an area of God's Plan that few people know anything about. Even most Christians don't understand what happens to those individuals who die as non-Christians or nonbelievers. Yet God has a time and a place for every person who has ever lived to understand, be converted, receive the Holy Spirit, and be judged.

The writer of the book of Hebrews said, "And as **it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment**" (Heb. 9:27). Those who are not called and converted now will die in their sins (John 8:24) and after that they will be resurrected to judgment. That statement sounds very ominous but let Jesus explain. As we saw earlier, Jesus said in Revelation 20:5, "**But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished...**"

### **This second resurrection is to a physical life!**

It is sin that has caused all our pain and suffering in this world. Sometimes it is our own sin and sometimes it is the sins of others that cause us grief and sorrow. All of us are yet suffering under the penalty of the sins of Satan, the demons, and the sin of Adam and Eve. That is why we must die a physical death and why our loved ones die.

So we see now, "...the whole creation groans and labors... together until now" (Rom. 8:22 NKJV). It is sin that causes death. Death will be our last enemy to be destroyed (see I Cor. 15:26).

**This life now is not true life! It is actually a temporary existence!** A trial run, if you will. However, this life experience is very important in God's plan. It is designed by God for all people who have ever lived to experience what it is like to live in Satan's evil world filled with sin with limited interference from God.

If you would like to understand much more about God's plan, we invite you to visit our website and study the article on our homepage entitled *The Complete Gospel of the Kingdom of God*. We also offer you our free book *The Day of the Lord, Understanding the Book of Revelation*.

The Apostle Peter asked two very important questions that we need to answer now: "What shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?" and, "Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" If these people do not have God's Spirit within them, they are not judged now but will be later.

## **Second Resurrection The Great White Throne Judgment**

There is something we need to understand. God is not calling everyone to repentance and salvation now. Of all the people that have lived on earth, comparatively few have been called and chosen to be part of these "firstfruits" of God's creation. Many billions of people have lived and died and have not received God's Holy Spirit, yet they are not damned! They will be resurrected and judged as they live their lives under the

rulership of Jesus Christ. They will have a lifetime to choose between God's government and His way of life verse Satan's government and his way of life. Every man will be judged by his works; as he lives his life with full knowledge and understanding of God's plan of salvation. "And **I saw a great white throne**, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And **I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works**. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works**" (Rev. 20:11-13).

**This is a physical resurrection of all peoples and nations from the time of Adam and Eve—all those who have never received the Holy Spirit during their lifetime and have not committed the unpardonable sin.** This will be all your friends, relatives, aunts, uncles, parents, and great grandparents. It will be all those who have not received eternal life at the first resurrection. **To have a "first resurrection" presupposes at least one more resurrection and this is it!**

When Jesus said the books were opened, He was saying, "Here is your life until now. You are sentenced to death because of your sins as you now stand before Me. But I will give you a chance to understand My plan for you. This opportunity will not be in Satan's world of sin and wickedness from which you came, but under My Government in the Kingdom of God. You will be able to drink of the waters of life freely. You will be able to understand My Words and My plan for your life. I will offer you the opportunity to choose real life—eternal life! You will have abundant access to My Word and will be able to understand and mature into a Son of God. If you choose, you will be baptized and receive the gift of My Holy Spirit. You will then be able to have your name written in the book of life."

This same time of a **great, general resurrection** is also spoken of in Ezekiel 37. We see God talking to Ezekiel in vision about this period of time in God's great plan, "The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the **valley which was full of bones**, and caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. And He said unto me, '**Son of man, can these bones live?**' And I answered, '**O Lord GOD, thou knowest.**' Again He said unto me, '**Prophesy upon these bones**, and say unto them, "**O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:** And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and **ye shall know that I am the LORD.**"'" So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them. Then said He unto me, 'Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, "**Thus saith the Lord GOD; 'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.**"'" **So I**

**prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then He said unto me, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, “Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.” Therefore prophesy and say unto them, “Thus saith the Lord GOD; ‘Behold, O My people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put My spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD”’”’** (Ezek. 37:1-14).

And once again God speaks of **this great resurrection** in Isaiah 65:17-25, “For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. **There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.** [Each person resurrected from the dead to this physical life will live to 100 years old.] And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of My people, and Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent’s meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain [government], saith the LORD.”

This same time is also spoken of in other prophecies of the Bible. In Isaiah 11:6-9 we see that, under the Government of Jesus Christ, “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain [government]: **for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.**” Everyone on earth then will know all about God and His plan for all mankind!

In neither the first nor the second resurrection will there be any marrying or sexual reproduction as Jesus explained in Mark 12:23-27, “In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? For the seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering said unto them, ‘Do ye not therefore err, **because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?** For when they shall rise from the dead, they

neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven. And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, “I *am* the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.”

## Why Our Temporary Existence?

“So God created man in His *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created He them” (Gen. 1:27). We, as human beings, are made in the image of God after His likeness. But we are made of flesh. There is a very important reason God made us flesh! You see, God will never again allow into the spirit realm or His family another Satan-type individual. Satan is made of spirit and will never be destroyed. He must live in total misery, bitterness, sorrow, and hatred for all eternity because of his sins. Eternal hellfire was prepared for the devil and his angels because of their sins (see Matt. 25:41). **But God, in His mercy, has made us flesh so we, in this temporary life, can have a chance to choose between living God’s way of righteousness or Satan’s way of sin and rebellion. God sets before all mankind a choice between true life, that is eternal life as children of God, or death. This is the reason for our physical bodies and our temporary existence. If we choose to be miserable and live in sin and anguish, God will put us out of our misery by a second death in the lake of fire,** “For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). The wages or reward for sin is death not eternal life in hellfire. Living forever in hellfire is reserved for Satan and his demons.

## Summary

So, we have learned much about God’s plan for mankind. We have discerned that because of sin we will die once. This life is not permanent, only temporary. God has chosen a few to salvation now and they will be resurrected to spirit bodies at Christ’s Second Coming—this is the first resurrection. “Jesus said, ... ‘I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die...’” (John 11:25-26). Jesus was speaking of the second death. That person will never see a second death in the lake of fire. And again Jesus tells us in John 5:24, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation [second death]; but is passed from death unto life.” Jesus went on to say in Revelation 20:6, “Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power...”

When a person dies, the body returns to the dust from which it came and the spirit returns to God who gave it. Solomon explained this in Ecclesiastes 12:7, “Then shall the [our] dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” And when Jesus Christ comes again, He will resurrect the righteous from their graves and give them new spirit bodies. Our inheritance is reserved for us in heaven, “Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:3) but Jesus will bring the

Kingdom of heaven or the Kingdom of God and our reward with Him at His return, “Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:5).

I hope this knowledge about God’s plan will be of great comfort to you as you think about life and death. God loves all mankind. God loves you personally! He, in His wisdom and mercy, has a very special plan for you and all your loved ones. There is great hope for the future. There is a chance for you to see your loved ones again in the wonderful world tomorrow. So please do not sorrow as those who have no hope! We can have great hope and confidence in the future that lies ahead!

Satan’s rule and his government are almost over. The Kingdom of God is on the horizon. Jesus Christ is coming soon and all the saints with Him. The whole world will be filled with remarkable peace and joy. No longer will the effects of sin cause us pain and sorrow. The knowledge of God’s love for us will cover all as waters now cover the seas.

May God bless you as you surrender your life to Him. May you grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please visit our website often for a better understanding of God and His plan for you.

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