

Death Of A Non-Believer

At a funeral service all minds are focussed on what every human being will have to face, and a time over which we have **no control**, [Ecclesiastes 8:8].

Every effort is made to create the impression that the deceased is not really dead.

Yet many statements in God's Word, the Christian Bible, confirm that the person who has died now has **no awareness** of what is happening in this world.

Psalms 6:5 [New King James] *“For in death there is no remembrance of You; in the grave who will give You thanks?”*

No ability to pray to the Creator God or study His Word, the Christian Bible.

Psalms 146:3-4 [New King James] *“Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.”*

No active physical mind or the “human spirit” that gives us intellect to plan the path their life will take.

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 [New King James] *“For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; nevermore will they have a share in anything done under the sun.”*

Totally unaware of what is happening on earth to humanity.

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22 [New King James] *“Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of judgment, wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, iniquity was there. I said in my heart, ‘God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.’ I said in my heart, ‘Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals.’ For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust. **Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?** So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. **For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?**”*

The **only** difference between human beings and other animals is this “human spirit” that God has placed in humans.

Job 32:8 [New King James] *“But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.”*

Without this “human spirit” we revert to the life of an animal, [Daniel 4:24-37].

James 2:26 [New King James] *“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”*

The reverse is also true, the “human spirit” without a body cannot be active, as we have just seen.

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 [New King James] *“Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and **the spirit will return to God who gave it.**”*

This “*human spirit*” will return to God who gave it.

Acts 7:59-60 [New King James] *“And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, ‘**Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**’ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not charge them with this sin.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”*

Stephen knew he was about to die and confirmed his belief that God would receive his “*human spirit*” and retain it until it was placed in an eternal spirit body at the return of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 [New King James] *“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”*

This is good news for all believers.

What about the vast majority who are not believing Christians?

We have to project ourselves forward in human history until after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this time as “*King of kings and Lord of lords,*” [**Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:11-16**].

Revelation 20:11-13 [New King James] *“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who 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, **standing before God,** and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”*

“**Standing before God**” refers to a resurrection back to physical life, into a world that was **not** deceived by Satan the devil, [**Revelation 20:1-3; Revelation 20:7-10**].

The same personal “*human spirit*” will be placed in each of these resurrected people so they will be able to remember their former life, that is recorded in the “*human spirit*” the real you and I.

The books of the Christian Bible will be opened up to them and the Holy Spirit will be theirs upon obedience to Jesus Christ, [**Acts 5:32**].

Joel 2:28-29 [New King James] *“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”*

This is the glorious time that Joel prophesied.

This is what should be preached at every funeral service to give hope for those who have died, and prompt those who are still alive into action, preparing for what will happen to them, death.

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