

YTVideo-Death, Burial & Resurrection-From Grief To Hope

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I. When Death Occurs

a. *The body returns to the earth*

Ecc 12:7 *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

Gen 3:19 *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: **for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.***

b. The spirit [the breath of life] returns to God.

Ecc 12:7 *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

Luk 23:46 *And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, **Father, into thy hands I commend My spirit:** and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.*

c. The Soul goes to judgment

Psa 16:10 *For **thou wilt not leave My soul in hell;** neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

Luk 16:22 *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;*

Luk 16:23 *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

Luk 16:24 *And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

Luk 16:25 *But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*

Luk 16:26 *And beside all this, **between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.***

d. Those who die in Christ: their souls are in Heaven and Yeshua will bring them with Him at the resurrection of the just to be reunited with their new immortal, glorified bodies.

1Th 4:13 *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.*

1Th 4:14 *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

e. The souls of those killed by the Antichrist will be in Heaven:

Rev 6:9 *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*

Rev 6:10 *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, how long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*

Rev 6:11 *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

Note: These verses inform us, that, at death, when the spirit returns to God, the body dies and the soul goes to Heaven or Hell.

II. Mode of Burial

- a. In the Bible, the normal way is to put the body into a grave: a cave or in the ground.
- b. Note that when a body is buried it is gradually eaten up by worms, insects and bacteria to become dust of the earth:

Isa 14:11 *Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: **the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.***

Isa 66:23 *And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.*

Isa 66:24 *And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for **their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.***

Job 21:26 *They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.*

- c. In Hell, at the second resurrection [of the wicked], there will be worms eating the bodies eternally and the fire will never be quenched.
- d. There is no biblical prohibition against cremation.
- e. There is one recorded complaint against a King who burned the bones of another King:

Amo 2:1 *Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because **he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:***

- f. The reformist King Josiah burned the bones of the idolators upon their altars as instructed by the prophet, to pollute them.

2Ki 23:16 *And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned*

them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

III. Cremation

- a. Cremation reduces the body to ashes, like the dust of the earth
- b. Cremation will not prevent resurrection. People have perished at sea, on land or devoured by animals. All will be resurrected by the power of YAHWEH.

IV. Cremation Necessary for Singapore

- a. Short of land: virtually all the ancient cemeteries have been exhumed and the land used for building
- b. There is limited burial ground at Chua Chu Kang available but, after 15 years all graves will be exhumed, and the remains reburied in much smaller plots or else cremated.
- c. After cremation, the ashes are collected and may be placed in a columbarium or scattered over designated locations on land or sea.

V. Memorial Service: Eulogies

- a. Can eulogies help the dearly departed get better judgment? Not at all. YAHWEH has a full record of all his deeds, good and bad.
- b. Eulogies are only helpful to the surviving loved ones to ease their pain.
- c. Can the dearly departed observe the funeral proceedings or hear any comments? No:

Ecc 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but **the dead know not anything**, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

Ecc 9:6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, now perished; **neither have they any more a portion for ever in anything that is done under the sun.**

VI. Prayer For The Dearly Departed

- a. Will prayers for the dearly departed help him in any way? Can we pray that his body will be resurrected at the first resurrection of the just?
- b. The answer is no. His fate was already determined at the moment of death.

VII. The Moment of Death

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

This short verse carries hugely important information for all of us. At the point of death, a soul is judged by Yeshua and admitted into Heaven or cast into Hell. This means that the fate of the body is also fixed at that point: if the soul goes to Heaven, then the body will partake of the First

Resurrection of the Just. Otherwise, it will be part of the Second Resurrection- of the damned.

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

VIII. Baptism: Death, Burial & Resurrection

Rom 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection:

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Rom 6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him:

IX. The Flesh Must Die

- a. Our carnal nature, which we inherited from Adam, makes us prone to sin.
- b. Without death to the carnal nature, we cannot become adopted children of God:

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

X. Servants of Righteousness

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

XI. Resurrection, Salvation & Forgiveness of Sins

1Co 15:17 *And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

1Co 15:18 *Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.*

1Co 15:19 *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

1Co 15:20 ***But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.***

- a. The resurrection of our Lord Yeshua is crucial to our salvation and forgiveness of our sins.
- b. Because of His resurrection the dead in Christ have hope of the first resurrection of the righteous.