

damnation at the end of the thousand years for the wicked.

2. Are you frightened or uneasy about this?

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:40

1. If we believe on Him, He will raise us up at the last day, and we shall put on immortality
2. What do you understand by the word ‘immortality’?
3. Would you like to be immortal?

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 19

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DIE?

“For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no further reward, and even the memory of them is forgotten. Their love, their hate and their jealousy have long since vanished; never again will they have a part in anything that happens under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 9: 5,6

1. The living know they will eventually die
2. The dead know nothing. They have no reward
3. Is this fair of God? What does this say about God?

“and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.”

Ecclesiastes 12:7

1. The dust (body) returns to the earth
2. The spirit - breath, or life producing agency — returns to God
- Death is the reverse of the creation process of Genesis
3. Does this suggest that God is in control of the process?

“the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

Genesis 2:7

1. At creation, God formed man of the dust and breathed into him the breath of life, this combination became a living soul
2. Humans are actually living souls
3. Does this conflict with what you have been taught?

“When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.”

Psalms 146:4

1. Man's breath goes forth
2. He returns to the earth
3. That very day his thoughts perish
4. We would anticipate that the dead, if they went immediately to heaven, would praise the Lord there. The psalmist says (Psalm 115:17) they don't
5. Is 'sleep' a good picture of what happens to man at death?

“And I--in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness..”

Psalms 17: 15

1. David recognised that he would not go immediately to

heaven. He would sleep first

2. He would awake seeing Christ's likeness at the resurrection
3. Does this suggest that David was happy with this understanding of death?
4. How about you?

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. “

1 Thessalonians 4:16,17

1. When Christ comes, He gathers together from this earth the righteous dead and the righteous living
2. There would be no point in doing this if the dead are already in heaven

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.”

John 5: 28,29

1. There are two resurrections; the resurrection of life at Christ's second coming for the righteous, and the resurrection of