



LIFE ON THE EDGE Radio

Bible Study #12

Study: State of the Dead

Intent of Study: Man does not possess immortality. Only God does.

Focus It: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12

1. Genesis 2:7
2. Ecclesiastes 12:7
3. Psalm 104:29,30
4. James 2:26
5. John 11:11-14
6. Ecclesiastes 9:5,6
7. Psalm 146:4
8. Revelation 14:13
9. Ezekiel 18:4
10. 1 Timothy 6:15,16
11. Job 21:32
12. Acts 2:29,34
13. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53
14. 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17
15. 1 John 5:11-13

Share It:

The subject of death has intrigued many through the ages . . . What happens to a person when they die? Does a person go to heaven or hell when they die? Can we communicate with the dead? In search for answers to these and many other questions about death, men have come up with a wide range of answers. But, how can we know for certain the answer to these questions? The Bible provides clear answers . . .

To understand death we must look at how life originated . . .

1. **Genesis 2:7** - Dust (body) + Breath (spirit) = Living Soul/Living Being
Cheese (Queso) + Tortilla = Quesadilla

What happens when a person dies?

2. **Ecclesiastes 12:7** (Genesis 3:19) - Death is the opposite of life. The Bible explains it clearer . . .
3. **Psalm 104:29,30** - Living Soul/ Living Being - Breath (spirit) = Dust/Death
What is the spirit that returns to God?
4. **James 2:26** - “the body without the spirit is dead” The Hebrew word for breath is *ruach*. It means air, wind or spirit. At death this spirit or breath returns to God.
Let’s see how the Bible describes death . . .
5. **John 11:11-14** - death = sleep. There are more than 50 references in the Bible where death is compared to sleep.
We are going to look at a few verses that describe the state of the dead . . .
6. **Ecclesiastes 9:5,6** - the dead know nothing.
7. **Psalm 146:4** - thoughts= perish
8. **Revelation 14:13** - rest from their labours
But, isn’t the soul immortal? Well, let’s see what the Bible says about that . . .
9. **Ezekiel 18:4** - soul that sinneth it SHALL die
In fact the Bible tells us that there is only one who is immortal . . .
10. **1 Timothy 6:15,16** - only God is immortal
So then where do the dead go when they die?
11. **Job 21:32** - to the grave . . . REMAIN in the tomb
Does that mean that a good person when they die they do not go to heaven?
Well let’s see . . . the Bible makes it clear that David is saved. Is he in heaven now?
12. **Acts 2:29, 34** - Not in heaven.
Then, when will God’s people receive immortality?
13. **1 Corinthians 15:51-53** - at the second coming
14. **1 Thessalonians 4:14-17** - second coming

Appeal:

15. **1 John 5:11-13**- The Bible makes it clear that only God is immortal. Eternal life is promised to those who receive Jesus. Is it your desire to experience the LIFE that Jesus gives?

Simple Questions with Simple Answers:

1. Q: **Luke 23:42,43**

A: **Luke 23:54-24:1**- Jesus died on the day of preparation = Friday **John 20:1,11,16,17** - on Sunday, the day He was resurrected He says that He has not yet ascended to His father.

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Wrong - I say to you, today you will be with Me in heaven.

Right - I say to you today, you will be with Me in heaven.

2. Q: Revelation 6:9-11

A: Symbolism.

"Souls under the altar." Where is John borrowing the lingo from? The sanctuary.

Leviticus 4:34 base of the altar - under the altar. Pour a portion of the blood under the altar. Leviticus 17:11 the life is in the blood.

Revelation this is a group of people who have been sacrificed, they're martyrs.

Genesis 4:10 Cain killed Abel because he was jealous of him. God says that the blood of Abel cries out from the ground. Symbol - innocent blood crying out for justice.

In Revelation the blood of the martyrs is crying out for vengeance.

11 - keep resting, remain in the grave until the work is done.

Vengeance is mine says the Lord.

Extra:

2 Samuel 7:12

Job 4:17

Job 7:10

Job 14: 10,12,14, 21

Job 19:25,26

Job 27:3

Psalms 6:5

Psalms 115:17

Isaiah 38:18

Matthew 27:52

John 5:28,29

Romans 2:7

Romans 6:23

2 Timothy 4:7,8

Revelation 22:12

Revelation 1:18