

THE BIBLE TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE STATE OF THE DEAD:-

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this Bible Tract.

Genesis 3:17 - 19: - "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 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.**"

Job 17:13 - 16: - "If I wait, the grave [is] mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. I have said to corruption, Thou [art] my father: to the worm, [Thou art] my mother, and my sister. And where [is] now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? **They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when [our] rest together [is] in the dust.**"

Psalms 104:29: - "Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: **thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.**"

Ecclesiastes 3:19 & 20: - "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all [is] vanity. **All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.**"

1 Kings 2:10: - "**So David slept with his fathers,** and was buried in the city of David."

Job 14:12: - "**So man lieth down, and riseth not:** till the heavens [be] no more, **they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.**"

Daniel 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."

John 11:11 - 14: - "These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.** Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. **Howbeit Jesus spake of his death:** but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. **Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.**"

Psalms 115:17: - "**The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.**"

Psalms 146:3 & 4: - "Put not your trust in princes, [nor] in the son of man, in whom [there is] no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish."

Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6 & 10: - "For the living know that they shall die: **but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any [thing] that is done under the sun. ...** Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; **for [there is] no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.**"