

Our Fathers Which Aren't In Heaven-Part 2

What Does It Mean To Be Dead?

I AM NOT THERE

Do not stand at my grave and weep;

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush,

Of quiet birds circled flight

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die.

- Robert Hepburn (In Memory of Norbert C. Gessner)

Psalm 13:3 Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;

Psalm 90:5 You sweep men away in the sleep of death;

1 Thess 4:13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

Job 3:11 "Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb?"

13 For now I would be lying down in peace; I would be asleep and at rest.

Luke 23:43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

42Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Mark 15:43Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. 44Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. 45When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. 46So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

Matthew 22:29Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

John 11:17On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

26and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

V:26 "and whoever lives and believes in me will never die in the age to come".

John 11:26 (Youngs Literal Translation) 26and every one who is living and believing in me shall not die -- to the age (Aion);