

Exposing THE Lie

John 3:13

¹³*No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.*

We know from Genesis that THE LIE propounded by Satan is that when you die you don't really die you go straight to heaven to be with God and the angels,

Genesis 3:4

⁴*"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.*

John 8:44 (NASB)

⁴⁴*"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him Whenever he speaks a lie ("THE lie"), (In Greek there is the definite article before the word "lie")he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies (Should read "of it" i.e. "THE lie").*

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles ("rightly divides"= KJV) the word of truth.*

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As we saw from our study on being a disciple, it's our responsibility not only to become disciples but to also help make disciples of those who are redeemed.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 14:2 (KJV)

²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Luke 23:43

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Coming of the Lord

¹³Brothers, 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. ¹⁴We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have **fallen asleep** in him. ¹⁵According 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**. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷After 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. ¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words.

In scripture “to sleep” or “to fall asleep” is a figure of speech (euphemism) for death.

That’s why when we read here in Thessalonians about those who “fall asleep” it’s talking about those who have died.

Let’s look at some more verses where this specific euphemism is used.

Psalm 13:1-3 (David)

¹ *How long, O LORD ? Will you forget me forever?*

How long will you hide your face from me?

² *How long must I wrestle with my thoughts*

and every day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ *Look on me and answer, O LORD my God.*

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;

Daniel 12:1-2

The End Times

¹ *"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise.*

There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found

written in the book—will be delivered. ² *Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting*

contempt.

¹³ *"As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days ("the Age" i.e. this Age) you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."*

1 Corinthians 11:30

³⁰*That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.*

John 11:11-13 (Lazarus)

¹¹*After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."*

¹²*His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.*

Ecclesiastes 3:19-21 (Solomon David's son)

¹⁹ *Man's fate is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath ; man has no advantage over the animal. Everything is meaningless. ²⁰ All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. ²¹ Who knows if the spirit (or "breath of life") of man rises upward and if the spirit (or "breath of life") of the animal goes down into the earth?"*

Scripture never talks anywhere of us going to heaven not even when Christ resurrects us.

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6

⁵ *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.*

⁶ *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.*

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Where is Christ today?

Hebrews 9:11-14

*¹¹When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. ¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but **he entered the Most Holy Place** once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will

appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

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