

Is Heaven Real?

Eternal Realities

Hebrews 9:27-28

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What does the Bible teach about life & death?

1. Without a doubt, death is certain.

Hebrews 9 ²⁷ And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. (NLT)

Psalms 90 ¹² Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. (NLT)

2. When we die, the body and spirit separate.

Matthew 10 ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (NIV)

John 11 ²⁵ I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. (NLT)

Action Step: Make sure you're certain where you're going!

3. Believers go immediately to heaven.

Luke 23 ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." (NLT)

2 Corinthians 5 ¹ For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven. (NLT)

4. Everyone will face judgement.

Revelation 20 ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it... ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done... ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5 ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (NIV)

5. Jesus will reward us for our good works.

1 Corinthians 3 ¹³ On the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. ¹⁴ If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ But if the

work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. (NLT)

6. Heavenly Crowns

1. **Imperishable** Crown

2. Crown of **Righteousness**

3. Crown of **Rejoicing**

4. Crown of **Glory** = 1 Thess. 2:19

5. Crown of **Life** = James 1:12, Rev 2:10

Action Step: **Ask yourself:** “Am I living for the here and now, or am I living for Jesus? Do I want rewards on earth now or in heaven for eternity?”