

AFTER DEATH

In John 11:11 YaHUsHa says ...

“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

He was speaking of his death.

John 11:13 “... YaHUsHa had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

14 So then he told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead’ ... “.

Here we see YaHUsHa use both terms "fallen asleep" and "Dead" to explain the "State of the Dead" as in Lazarus being "Dead".

"Dead" is the opposite to "Alive" and Scripture says the Dead can do nothing, they can not work or praise.

There is a subtle difference when it comes to the word "soul sleep", as that is similar to immortality whereas 1 Cor. 15 gives the process but remember, we are resurrected not re-created. There has to be some link to "who we are" somewhere if people are going to be judged for "deeds done in the Body" so it comes back to what we are, our make-up, as to what happens from Life, Death, Sleep, Resurrection.

Are we "Born again Spiritual Kingdom of Heaven Citizens", led by the Ruach HaKhodesh or ... Natural Fleshly Carnal Man, led by their Fleshly desires.

Rom. 8:5 - 6 "Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."

Rom. 8:9 – 11 “ And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Messiah, they do not belong to Messiah.

But if Messiah is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

And if the Spirit of him who raised YaHUsHa from the dead is living in you, he who raised Messiah from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

The Kingdom of Heaven citizen is above all condemnation (Rom. 8) because he is free from the Law/Torah of Sin ... a result which the Levitical system could not accomplish, but which Elohim has accomplished through Messiah YaHUsHa. Yet we must live according to the Ruach HaKhodesh, and not according to the flesh as the indwelling of the Ruach HaKhodesh in us is the Spiritual indwelling of Messiah YaHUsHa Himself in us (from vs 9).

What he is saying is that in this earthly life, with respect to our Earthly bodies as a dwelling place of His Spirit, He will do the same as He did in the case of Messiah YaHUsHa.

Rom. 8:12 - 17 then proceeds to say that therefore we are bound not to live according to the Flesh, for that brings Death, whereas when we are led by the Ruach HaKhodesh on the other hand brings Life because We as moved by the Ruach are Children of Elohim (in this life) and as such are sure of the future Glory.

This "Sonship" in this Life ensures our "Heirship" (vs 17), " ... that we may also be Glorified together". (Heb. 11:39 - 40 explains where "only together with Abraham ... ", and this one shows the Spiritual aspect of the Inheritance.)

From here to the end of Rom. 8 it is encouragement and all things must serve for good to those that love Elohim and we have nothing to fear as nothing can separate us from the Love of Elohim, which is in Messiah YaHUsha our Master ... except those that choose to turn away and go back to Moses as so many are sadly being led to do!

Romans is the complete "Good News" in one book. Rom. 1 - 8 is about entering in to the Kingdom of Heaven. Rom. 9 - 11 is "Who we are" as the Spiritual Yisra'EL of Elohim and Rom. 12 to the end is how to live as citizens of the Kingdom.

Where it all started is with The "Ruach of Life" together with the Clay, which made the first Adam a "Living Nephesh/Soul".

We have an anatomical Brain but also a Mind which is different to the physical Brain. The Brain receives and processes information like a CPU but memory and the Mind is immaterial.

The Mind has memory, but as our Brain ages our memory fades, but it is all stored somewhere. When we "Die" the Brain begins to decay but where is the "Mind".

This consists of who we are in the Immaterial/Intangible spiritual form of our being which exists beyond our physical lifespan.

A bit confusing is that Scripture calls our Minds our Heart, yet Romans 12:2 calls for a "renewing of our Mind", so Heart/Mind is the same but we think Heart = Emotion and Mind = Logic.

Heb. 4:12 talks of the Word dividing the soul and the spirit.

Our "spirit" is not personally ours, but that which gives us life as a Living Soul/Nephesh and that Spirit/spark of Elohim that gives Life returns to the Source on Death ... to the one who gave it (Ec. 12:6, Luke 23:46, Hand. 7:59).

2 Cor. 5:5 "Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is Elohim, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

Everyone has the "Spirit of Life" but only Kingdom of Heaven citizens have the Ruach HaKhodesh - the Comforter/Paraclete which is the Representative sent from Pentecost as an earnest ... an old English word meaning "a deposit", which will be fulfilled at some future time.

Paul speaks of "at home in the body or away from it", but he does not say "where" though he does say earlier in 2 Cor. 5:1 - 3 ...

"... we have a building from Elohim, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked."

Is this the "House of many mansions"? We also need to comprehend the difference between time and space versus Eternity because how can we already be "in heavenly places" as Scripture teaches.

The phrase "heavenly places" or "heavenly realms" is used several times in the book of Ephesians (1:3, 20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12). This phrase is translated from the Greek word "epouranios", meaning "the sphere of spiritual activities."

"Heavenly realms" can refer to both Heavenly Messengers and demonic activity.

Dan 10 gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly realms and the heavenly realms are as real as the earthly realms.

Elohim is spirit (John 4:24) and exists outside the bounds of time, space, and matter. That place is called heaven (Acts 7:55; Isaiah 63:15) and centers the Heavenly realms.

Our Physical body must die just as the seeds in nature must die. Without death there is no resurrection.

Our Resurrected Body is specific from "who we are", just as a specific seed in nature produces a specific plant; the seed has an identity with the plant, but each plant is an individual as not all plants are exactly the same but their own specific DNA dictates and replicates to produce the same "Body" every time. Our identity/history/Life History has to be stored somewhere in a "sleep" state. Not a "Soul sleep" and not a "Spirit sleep" though.

We know that energy is never created or destroyed but is merely transferred from one form to another and so is the processes of transferring energy and of retaining life.

Paul shows how in **nature** the body/plant that emerges from the seed that dies is different from the one that was planted (1 Cor. 15:36 – 50). The seed "sleeps" until "awakened" and the plant body results. An acorn to an Oak. Ever wondered where the "Brain" of a plant is Or why an old shoe placed in the ground never produces anything? It also does not have Eternal Life in Messiah YaHUsa and will not resurrect at some future date.

Nature is all around us to **teach** us the Spiritual Truths but we overlook it because it is so "common" everywhere.

There is a body designed for the heavens, as there is one designed for earthly life and there is a link between the two (Ec. 12:6 – 7).

(Before the silver cord separates, one can Astral travel or have an out of Body "Death" experience.)

Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being [soul]"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:45-49 RSV)

So, ... "it is not the spiritual which is first" (1 Cor. 15:46). That is next, and death and "sleep" is but an interlude in that process, and necessary to it. So now we are in a state of transition, as Paul goes on to describe ... are you "of heaven"? Having been born into the Kingdom of Heaven?

1 John 5:11 "And this is the testimony, that Elohim gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

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It transforms the way you act, the way you think. It transforms your dreams, your aspirations, what you do with your time. Everything is changed if you are a man of heaven as well as a man of the dust.

"If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body." (1 Cor. 15:44)

"The first Adam became a "Living Soul" and the last Adam became a "Life-giving spirit". (1 Cor. 15:45)

"... we will bear the image of the Heavenly (*Adam*)" (1 Cor. 15:46) – *compare 1 John 3:2*.

What happens in between Physical Death and this Resurrection?

We die Physically, are Dead, but "sleep" like Lazarus and as he was raised from Death after 4 days back into his physical body, as a Type, so we will "sleep" until that point in time where we are raised in our Resurrected Bodies having left behind "The Law of Sin" embedded in our Earthly first Adam bodies.

John 3:13 says that nobody went to heaven.

There lies beyond death "an inheritance imperishable... reserved in heaven" (1Peter 1:3-9).

1 Pet. 1:4 - 5 "... into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,
who through faith are shielded by Elohim's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

So, it is "Death", "Sleep" and then "Resurrection to Eternal Life with/in Messiah YaHUsa".

The Blessed Hope.

A sure thing.

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