

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1Corinthians 15:19

Store In My Heart

Nahum 1:1

An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.

About a century after Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah, they had returned to oppressing other nations. Nineveh had destroyed The Northern Kingdom of Israel and had begun to once again think they were more important than they really were.

Nahum pronounces God's vengeance against Nineveh and His Sovereign Rule in the kingdoms of men in this writing. Much of what is written points to the rejoicing of Judah when Nineveh was punished by God.

Though Nahum shows Jonah was correct in his assessment of the Ninevites, it is never the place of man to question God. We cannot know God's plan beyond what He has revealed. His Word should be our guide.



Do Our Spirits Go To Be With The Lord After Death?

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In **Luke 16**, Jesus taught that Lazarus went to "*Abraham's bosom*," which to the Jew was a place of paradise. The rich man went to "*hell*" or Hades (**vv. 22-23**). This teaches that there is a realm spirits enter before the judgment. In **Revelation 1:18**, Jesus said that He had the "*keys of Hell (Hades) and of death*." **Revelation 20:14** says, "*And death and hell (Hades) were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death*." "*Death*" means "separation," so when a person dies there is a separation of the soul from the body. The body goes back to the dust of the earth and the soul returns to God (**Ecclesiastes 12:7**).

The King James Version did not recognize a distinction in 1611 so they translated "Hades" as "*hell*." In **Acts 2:31**, Jesus was not left in "*hell*" (KJV). The word used there is "Hades." In **Acts 2:34**, Peter shows that **Psalms 110** does not apply to David, but to Christ. However, it also implies that if David has not ascended to heaven, then his soul must reside somewhere. The Bible teaches this "somewhere" to be Hades. Hades is a realm composed of two parts: "paradise" and torments" (cp. **Luke 16:23**). The two separate parts consists of one part for the righteous ("paradise" - cp. **Luke 23:43; 2Corinthians 12:4**) and one part for the wicked

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For Our Information

JoBeth Henderson fell Tuesday and broke her left leg near the ankle. On Thursday she had surgery but can put no weight on that leg for six weeks. She is in good spirits.

Joyce Venable has not been feeling well this week. She has been coughing.

John Ragsdale has cellulitis.

Tonight we start in 1Samuel 24.

Wednesday at 7 pm in Ephesians 4

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

(“torments” - cp. **2Peter 2:4**). This does not mean that we will be judged twice. The Bible plainly only speaks of one judgment (**2Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27-28**). After the judgment, we will go to “*everlasting punishment*” or “*life eternal*” (**Matthew 25:46**).

At that point, God will bring an end to Hades (**1Corinthians 15:24; Revelation 20:11-15**). If we have been righteous in this life, we will then go and be with Christ. In **1Thessalonians 4:13-18**, Paul is assuring those Christians that those who are alive will be judged along with the righteous dead. No one will be exempt or left behind. There is no contradiction to say that we go to an intermediate place to await the judgment.

Though everything may not be quite as clear as we wish, Scripture does give us a few glimpses of what happens when we leave this earth. This article is timely since a question was recently asked about this very topic. It is always good to hear what sound brethren have found through their study of Scripture. Listening to others can help us better understand some difficult passages.

One thing on my mind in regard to topics of this sort is that we must be prepared for this time even though we may not be able to fully understand what will take place. Scripture is clear on the final destination of the righteous and those who are not. No matter what happens to us during any time that may exist between the point of death and standing in judgment, we can be certain that there is no means of changing our fate during that time. “Waiting” in Hades gives no comfort that we can “fix” our mistakes before judgment.

Death is final and we must be ready now if we want to be ready when it finds us. You can know with certainty that death will find you one day. Either my body will fail me and I will die while others continue to live or I will be separated from this existence by the return of The Savior at the end of time. We do not enjoy this topic but it is one that we must keep in our mind so that it prompts us to remain diligent in our walk with God.

One quick reminder, questions are welcome. We may find the answer together, but we will certainly seek it. Study carefully. DLH

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

