

How Will We Leave This World?

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Introduction.

I. In Genesis the second chapter Moses records these words about the origin of man.

7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. 15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." 19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. 20 And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. 22 And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A. The Bible teaches us here that Adam and Eve were the first two humans. The billions of people who have lived on the earth have all descended from them.

- 1. There are many things that all humans have in common, but one of these is death.**
- Every human being who has ever lived has eventually died with the exception of Enoch and Elijah. Enoch was translated without seeing death and Elijah was taken into the heavens in a chariot of fire. (Heb. 11:5; 2 Kgs. 2:11).

B. There is no question that all of us must one day leave this world.

- One thing is certain, unless Christ comes again, we will not leave this world alive.
- We have an appointment with death, and one day we must keep that appointment. (Heb. 9:27; 1 Cor. 15:22).

II. Today I would like for us to consider the question, “**How Will We Leave This World?**”

A. This question is not considering **what we leave behind materially to our loved ones.**

1. Whatever we have we will leave to others.
2. It is certain we will **take nothing with us.** We must leave it all behind. (1 Tim. 6:7).
3. **This was really impressed upon my mind some years ago.** Dad’s possession at death.

B. The question “How Will We Leave This World?” “we are considering is **not the method of our departure,** such as natural death, disease, accident, or violence. Most often we do not have a choice concerning the method of our departure.

C. The question deals with the **spiritual condition** in which we will leave this world.

1. There are **4 possible conditions,** and it is certain that each one of us will be in one of these conditions.
2. It is imperative that we determine now which of these situations will prevail in death.
3. Once we leave this world we can change nothing, nor can we alter the destiny of our soul.

I. **We Can Die As A Baby** - We can die as a baby.

A. Those of us who understand what I just said are already passed this stage.

B. **Babies are safe,** and if these die they are saved. They do not know right from wrong. They have no sin. They are not lost. They will be in heaven with God.

C. **The doctrine of original sin is false.**

1. This is the idea that babies are born guilty of Adam’s sin.
2. This widely accepted doctrine is absolutely false.
 - a. **Babies do not inherit the guilt of Adam’s sin.** (Ezek. 18:20).
 - b. Furthermore, one cannot inherit sin because of what it is. **It is the transgression of the law.** (1 Jno. 3:4).
 - c. It is an act of someone who knows right from wrong. It cannot be inherited.
3. **The guilt of sin cannot be transmitted biologically,** because we do not get our spirit from our parents. (Eccles. 12:7).
 - a. God “forms the spirit within us.” (Zech. 12:1).
 - b. The Bible says He is “the Father of spirits.” (Heb. 12:9).

II. **Die In Rebellion To God As An Alien Sinner** - One can die in rebellion to God as an alien sinner.

A. The Bible teaches all have sinned. We have all gone astray. We have all broken God’s holy commandments.

1. Paul wrote these words in Romans 3. (Rom 3:9-18).

ROM 3:9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;10 as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one; 11 There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; 12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one. " 13 "Their throat is an open grave, With their tongues they keep deceiving," "The poison of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness"; 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood, 16 Destruction and misery are in their paths,;17 And the path of peace have they not known. "18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

2. Paul then added this emphatic statement in Romans 3:23.

B. The Bible teaches the **consequences of sin is spiritual death.** (Rom. 6:23).

C. The Bible teaches that **Christ is the only way to heaven.** (Jno. 8:24; 14:6).

D. The Bible teaches that one **must obey Christ to be saved.** (Jno. 3:36).

E. The Bible teaches that **those who reject Christ to death are lost** with no opportunity to change their destiny.

1. Nothing worse could happen to a man than to die in rebellion to God as an alien sinner.

2. It means there is no hope.

3. It means there is eternal separation from God, and eternal punishment in hell.

III. **Die As A Backslider** - One can die as a backslider.

A. The Bible is clear that Christians can fall away, and many do. (1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 3:12).

B. One can leave God, but there is a way to return to God if he so chooses to do so.

1. The **prodigal son** went away, but he came to himself, repented, confessed his sins, and returned home.

2. **Simon** sinned against God by trying to buy the gift of the Holy Spirit. He was told that he must repent and pray for the forgiveness of his sins. (Acts 8:22).

C. **God does not want us to die as a backslider.**

1. He is willing to forgive our sins if we repent. (Heb. 8:12).

2. He gives us instruction about how to make our calling and election sure.

2PE 1:5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and

in your perseverance, godliness; 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; 11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

D. **I pray that none of us will die as a backslider. I pray none of us will be forever separated from God. I pray all of us will make our calling and election sure.**

1. Let us add the Christian graces to our lives.
2. Let us repent of our sins and daily confess them to God.

IV. **As A Faithful Christian** - We can die as a faithful Christian.

A. Our real reason for being on this earth is to **become a part of God's spiritual family.**

B. Our real reason for being on this earth is **love God and faithfully serve Him.**

1. Unless we do that, we have not fulfilled our reason for being on the earth.
2. Unless we do that, we are not faithful to God, and will not hear Jesus say. (Matt. 25:21).
3. Unless we do that, we will not go to heaven and be united with the redeemed and enjoy the immense blessings God has prepared for those who are faithful to Him.

Conclusion.

- I. Yes, it is vital that we ask the question, **"How Will We Leave This World?"** and take the actions needed to insure that we are living faithfully in God's service.
- II. It is only then that we live confidently knowing that if we leave this world we will have a home with God in heaven. It is only then that we can say. (Rom. 8:37-39).

ROM 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

ROM 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

ROM 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

III. **The Bible teaches us that one day Christ is coming again to redeem the faithful of God.**

- A. Those who have lived faithfully for God **will see Christ coming in the clouds of heaven.** They will hear the voice of the archangel and hear the trump of God.

B. They then will **literally leave this world** that is destined for to be destroyed by fire. They will ascend to meet Christ in the air and will be with Him forevermore.

IV. We pray that those outside of Christ today will come to Him and confess Him and be baptized and live for Him. We pray that those who have abandoned Christ will return to Him. We pray all will live in such a way that heaven will be their home. Come as we stand and sing.

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