

Living Way-- Isaiah chapter 12

Hymn: #525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

O my Lord, what shall be the outcome of these things! (Daniel 12:8)

Universal Question: What Happen to us when we die?

Shakespeare shares these famous words spoke by Hamlet in his “To be, or not to be?—
- That is the question” speech:

... *To die, to sleep—
To sleep—perchance to dream. Ay, there's the rub!
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come?*

A Clear Picture! (although there are things that Christ tells must remain sealed...
but that has to do more with the “when” than the “what.”)

- Daniel 12:2; Daniel 12:12
- Those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake
- Everlasting Life (bodily)
- Judgement – to “everlasting life” or “everlasting contempt”

Daniel 12 emphasis “Resurrection of the Body” ... and the supporting Bible verses found in this lesson.

What about our spirits... between now and then?

- Spirit—Once “spiritually dead, but now alive!” (I Peter 3:18)
- We were **buried** therefore **with him** by **baptism** into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12)
- Hebrews 12... ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

- On-going war between our old bodies and our new spirits... Romans 7... ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Our Spirits are with the Lord when we die

- And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)
- ⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers^[c] should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. (Revelation 6:9)

On the Day of Christ's Return our Spirits reunited with our glorified Bodies

- ¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,^[d] that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (I Thess. 4)

In the meanwhile...

- At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. (v. 1)