

**AFTER DEATH, WHAT?
ECCLESIASTES 3:11 / 2-2-20 / A.M.**

I. FIRST, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF UNIVERSAL BELIEF IN AN AFTERLIFE.

- A. The belief in immortality is a timeless conviction not just of the majority of Americans but the majority of the world.
- B. From the Egyptian pyramids to Hindu reincarnation, it is nearly impossible to find any society, modern or ancient, that does not believe in the immortality of the soul.
 - 1. The soul is the immaterial part of man. Although it can't be measured, weighed or scientifically analyzed, most people on our planet believes it exists after our body dies.
 - 2. One writer calls this **"The democracy of the Dead"**.

II. SECOND, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR LONGING HEARTS FOR AN AFTERLIFE.

- A. The human heart hungers for more than this life offers.
- B. Even the brightest and most talented of people reach the end of their lives longing for something more. The Psalmist expresses this desire for something more well-- Psa. 39:4.
- C. This longing for something more comes from God, according to King Solomon—Ecc. 3:11.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart....

III. THIRD, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF NDE'S FOR AN AFTERLIFE.

- A. In the last 30 years there have been literally thousands of reports of NDE's.
- B. Skeptics argue that all of these can be explained as incorrect definitions of clinical death or by the effects of drugs.
- C. One writer puts it, **"Death is not the end of the road, but a bend in the road."**

IV. FOURTH, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT OF AN AFTERLIFE.

- A. Some skeptics argue that an afterlife is a N.T. idea.
- B. The Psalmist, however, speaks with confidence about an afterlife—Psa. 73:24-26.
- C. The prophet Daniel also wrote about an afterlife—Daniel 12:2.
- D. The Bible's most beloved psalm, written by King David, also looks forward to the afterlife—Psalms 23:6.

V. FIFTH, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR ETERNAL GOD FOR AN AFTERLIFE.

- A. The Bible writes about the eternal nature of God—Psa. 102:12, Heb. 13:8 and Rev. 22:13.
- B. This same Bible that says God is eternal also says in Genesis 1:27 that we are created in God's image which must include the promise of an afterlife.

VI. SIXTH, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF JESUS' WORDS ABOUT AN AFTERLIFE.

- A. Jesus told the repentant thief on the cross before he died— **"Today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).**
- B. Jesus also speaks of an afterlife in Luke 20:38.

VII. SEVENTH, THE GREATEST EVIDENCE FOR AN AFTERLIFE IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

- A. The prophet Isaiah predicted it 700 hundred of years before it happened—Isa. 53:5.
- B. Jesus also confirms the reality of an afterlife in John 11:25-26.