

In Death, there is No Memory

Throughout the Word of God, we read about many warnings to them that choose to not obey the Gospel but rather choose to remain in their sin and wickedness. As a result of this decision, those who live outside Gospel, die in their sin. Sin has already been judged from the beginning.

The Scripture tells us in **Ezekiel 18:4**, “... *the soul who sins, shall die.*” The Scriptures are very vivid in their description of what this “**soul death**” actually is. It is not the “pretty picture” that is often painted by our society today.

In **Ecclesiastes Chapter 9**, the Bible says, “*For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything... for the memory of them is forgotten.*” (**Ecclesiastes 9:10,5**) The Bible clearly states this fact along with many other facts about our human hearts.

In **Jeremiah 17:9-10**, God said that the heart is desperately wicked. Every man will receive according to the fruit of his doings. In **Psalms 109:15**, God said that He would cut off the memory of the wicked. **Isaiah 26:14** says that the memory of the unjust will perish.

The Word of God is unchangeable; it is forever settled in Heaven. (**Psalms 119:89**) The Word of the Lord will never return unto Him void. (**Isaiah 55:11**) When God remembers, He does not forget and when God forgets, He does not remember. (**Micah 7:18-19, Hebrews 8:12, 10:17**)

In **Genesis 8:1**, we read how God remembered Noah and caused a strong wind to come upon the face of the earth which dried up the flood waters. In **Exodus 2:24-25**, we read how God heard the cry of His people and remembered His covenant He had made with Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

Just as God remembers those who chose to obey Him, there are some that will be forgotten because of their false deceptive ways. God speaks very decisively against deceivers and false teachers and false preachers that scatter the sheep of His pasture.

Their day would arrive. (**Jeremiah 22:10, 23:39-40**) It is a fearful thing to be eternally forsaken and forgotten by God. This is what everlasting destruction really is. It is when all the memory of one perishes. (**Isaiah 26:14**)

Memory is the remembrance of people, places, things, and events of life. Job put it like this: “*The light of the wicked shall be put out....and his remembrance shall perish from the earth....*” (**Job 18:5,17**) The Psalmist David gave us insight into the conditions of death. (**Psalms 6:5, 88:10, 115:17**)

One of the most famous verses in the whole Bible explain exactly what death without faith and obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ looks like. Let's read it in **John 3:16**. The word **"perish"** in this verse as well as other verses throughout the Bible, means to be destroyed, to cease to exist, to be forgotten. (**Deuteronomy 8:19, Job 6:18, 20:7, Psalms 1:6, 1 Corinthians 1:18**)

Jesus came into the world to bring what the world needed most: salvation from the consequence of sin. Jesus came to save whosoever would believe and obey the Gospel message that He brought into the world. He is the Savior of the world. (**Luke 2:11**) He came to shed His blood and give His life. (**Acts 20:28, 1 John 3:16**)

Jesus is ready to save everyone that chooses to come to His light. (**John 3:17-19**) He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should be saved and receive eternal life. (**2 Peter 3:9, Romans 6:23**) For this promise is to you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (**Acts 2:39, 1 John 2:25**)

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only hope to escape the certainty of God's judgment of sin which is everlasting destruction or to perish. In the beginning, God told Adam that the day he ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, he would surely die. (**Genesis 2:17**) Adam's disobedience brought death and sin upon every human being. (**Romans 5:12**) It is only through the Gospel message that people can be saved. Notice the question that is often asked throughout the Scriptures: **"What must I do to be saved?"**

Peter addresses this exact question in **Acts 11:13-14** in his account of the Gentiles receiving the Gospel message of Jesus Christ for the very first time. Cornelius, a just man, still had to send for Peter to tell him words whereby he and his household could be saved. (**Acts 10:6, 10:44-48**)

This is the life-giving, lifesaving, Gospel message. This Gospel message of Jesus Christ brings about new birth, the born-again experience, and new life. It is through believing and obeying this Gospel message that we find victory over sin, death and the grave. (**1 Corinthians 15:53-57**) The fate has been already sealed for those who choose not to obey the Gospel message. (**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9**)

Conclusion

The prophet Isaiah prophesied about the coming of a New Heaven and a New Earth, and the former would not be remembered nor come into the mind of God. (**Isaiah 65:17**) When Jesus returned, He consummated this New Covenant which ushered in this New Heaven and the New Earth. If you die in sin, not having obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you will face eternal destruction; you will perish; the memory of you will perish from the mind of God; you will cease to exist.

The good news is that we do have a choice. We can escape the judgment that has already been pronounced on sin. By believing and obeying the Gospel Message that Jesus and the Apostles brought to us, we can be born all over again. **(Acts 2:37-41)**

This born-again experience brings about the release from the judgment of sin because our sins are washed away in the waters of baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ. Jesus has abolished death for us and has brought us immortality through the Gospel. **(2 Timothy 1:10)** The choice of eternal life or eternal destruction lies before each one of us. Everyone makes the choice. Which one will you choose?

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