

THE BREATH OF LIFE:

WHERE DOES THE SPIRIT GO AFTER DEATH

FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE:

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8 “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

- 1 CORINTHIANS 5:3 “For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,”
- 2 Timothy 4:1-8

DO YOU GO TO THE THIRD HEAVEN UPON DEATH?

1. JESUS SAID IN JOHN 3:13 “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.” AND IN JOHN 1:18 “No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”SEE: John 6:46, John 7:28-35, John 8:21-24, John 13:31-36, Acts 2:29_34, & Romans 10:6
2. COMMON ARGUMENTS USED:
 - MOSES AND ELIJAH AT THE TRANSFIGURATION: THIS WAS A VISION.
 - ELIJAH AND THE WHIRLWIND:ELIJAH WAS MOVED SOMEWHERE ELSE
 - Precepts:MATTHEW 17:1-9,DEUTERONOMY 34:1-10,JUDE 1:9, 1 KINGS 18:7-12, 2 KINGS 2:11-17(ELIJAH AND THE WHIRLWIND:ELIJAH WAS MOVED SOMEWHERE ELSE),2 KINGS 3:1-11, 2 CHRONICLES 21:1-15, & Psalms 148:1-4

THERE ARE THREE HEAVENS

1. THIRD HEAVEN WHERE ELOHIM IS (GODHEAD:FATHER AND CHRIST)

- HEBREWS 8:1 “Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;”
- 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2 “I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.”

2. SECOND HEAVEN:THE SKY/OUTER SPACE

- GENESIS 26:4 “And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;”
- JEREMIAH 4:25 “I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.”

3. FIRST HEAVEN: EARTH

- DEUTERONOMY 30:3-5

BUT I THOUGHT MY SPIRIT GOES TO HEAVEN?

1. ECCLESIASTES 12:7 “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.”
2. Strong’s Hebrew word number 7307 "ruwach (roo'-akh) wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation.
3. GENESIS 2:7 “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”
4. LUKE 8:49-55
5. JOB 27:3 “All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils”

SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?

1. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-53 “50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.(BORN AGAIN)
SEE:John 3:1-13 & 1 Peter 1:22-25
2. 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17 “16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
3. REVELATIONS 19:20

CONCLUSION

- **2 CORINTHIANS 11:4** “For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”
- **(1Thess.5:21)** “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”
- **2 PETER 1:20** “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”