



## FEAR OF DEATH

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*"The stats on death are quite impressive, one out of one dies."*

George Bernard Shaw

### Three Perspectives On Death & The Afterlife

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*God has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.* Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

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#### God's Postmortem Agenda:

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*I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.* Luke 23:43 (NLT)

*Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.* 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NLT)

*I have hope in God, just as these men do, that he will raise both the righteous and the ungodly.* Acts 24:15 (NLT)

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*And just as it is destined that each person dies only once and after that comes judgment.* Hebrews 9:27 (NLT)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God.* John 3:16-18 (NLT)

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*All the nations will be gathered in God's presence, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.* Matthew 25:32 (NLT)

*And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.* Matthew 25:46 (NLT)

#### HEAVEN:

*...God himself will be with them. He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain...* Revelation 21:3-5 (NLT)

#### HELL:

**Physical & Spiritual Suffering:** *They will be punished with everlasting destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power...* 2 Thessalonians 1:9 (NLT)

**Relational Suffering:** *"outer darkness"* Matthew 8:12 (NLT)

**Emotional Suffering:** *"weeping and gnashing of teeth."* Matthew 8:12 (NLT)

*"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" How we thank God, who gives us victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord!* 1 Corinthians 15:54b, 57 (NLT)

#### ***Expressing My Decision To Trust Jesus As My Savior:***

Dear God, I admit that I am a sinner and I understand that my sin separates me from you. I believe that Jesus paid the penalty for all my sins when He died on the cross. I now choose to trust Jesus as my Savior.