

Where Are the Dead?

“But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?”

Job 14:10

This question is fundamental to the human experience. At some point, every man and woman gives some thought to where the dead go...more specifically...where **THEY** will go when death comes. A Bible-believing Christian professes to be the only person in the world that has the sure answer to Job’s question.

To answer this question, the Scriptures must be compared and contrasted; only a dedicated ‘workman’ can satisfy Job’s curiosity. *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a **workman** that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* 2 Timothy 2:15

The 3rd Heaven ~ “The Presence of God”

* The Old Testament saint could not go into the presence of God BEFORE the death of Christ (Heb. 10:4)

*Upon his death, the O.T. saint was said to be “gathered unto his fathers.” No mention of heaven was made (Jud. 2:10)

*O.T. saints died in faith, looking forward to the BLOOD atonement (Heb. 11:13)

* Jesus Christ opened the way to God’s presence through His BROKEN BODY and SHED BLOOD (Heb. 9:8; 10:19-20) (Col. 1:14*)(John 1:29)

*NOW the believer goes immediately into the Lord’s presence (the 3rd heaven) at death (2 Cor. 5:8)

*The unbelievers remain in Hell until the Final Judgment and are then cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:12-15)

EARTH’S SURFACE

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“PARADISE”

(Luke 23:43)

“ABRAHAM’S BOSOM”

(Luke 16:22)

“GREAT GULF FIXED...” Luke 16:26

“HELL”

(Luke 16:23)

(2 Pet. 2:4)



**Christ
in the
Tomb**

(Mt. 12:40)

(1 Pet. 3:19)

VACATED AND CLOSED

(Eph. 4:8)

**PARADISE MOVED TO
3RD HEAVEN**

(2 Cor. 12:4)

“HELL”

found 54X in Scripture