

Sun 5pm class — March 23, 2025

State of man death through the Bible

Although we focused on the state of man after death as clearly portrayed by our Lord in Lk 16, the following Scriptures show that the idea of human consciousness and personal identity after death is a thread that runs through the Bible.

We will note phrases in the texts below that allude to the state of man after death. The first two we looked at in the Eschatology class—see your notes. Other examples of the kind of things to observe are provided in some of the texts below.

- **Gen 5:24 (Heb 11:5)**
- **2Sam 12:23**
- **2Ki. 2:11-12** When Elijah “**went up to heaven**,” what went to heaven—a *person*, or did he just vaporize?
- **Job 14:14-15**
- **Job 19:25,26**
- **Psa. 16:9-11 (Acts 2:30-31)**
- **Psa 17:15**
- **Psa 23**
- **Psa 73:24-28**
- **Mt 10:28 “but rather fear Him”**— If when the wicked man kills the righteous man he ceases to exist, *what more than that can God do if there is no conscious torment after death?*
- **Mt 17: 4 “Moses and Elijah appeared...talking with Him”**—have their *identities* and *rational consciousness*.
- **Mt 22:31-32**
- **Jn 11:25,26**
- **Acts 23:6-8**
- **2Tim. 1:10**
- **Heb 11:13-16**
- **Heb 11:17-19**
- **Heb 11:26**
- **Rev 1:18 “I have the keys of death and of Hades”**—What comfort is that to the suffering Christians this letter is written to if the “keys” open a place where *no conscious beings exists?*

Note: What is the difference in re-creation and resurrection?