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A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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The Bible and the Grave

The Bible has much to tell about the grave. In Hebrew the word used for the grave is sheol and the Greek word is hades. Again, the understanding of the grave differs greatly from denomination to denomination. Searching the scriptures will bring a true understanding of the grave.

Opening prayer: Holy Father, we are in search of the truth about the grave. Guide us in this study, putting aside preconceived ideas and hearing only Your word. We ask for Your Spirit to lead. We bring this prayer to You, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is the Bible telling us about the grave?

1. *Genesis 37:34-35* "And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the _____ unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him."

2. *1 Samuel 2:6* "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the _____ and bringeth up."

3. *Job 7:9* "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the _____ shall come up no more."

4. *Psalms 6:5* "For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the _____ who shall give thee thanks?"
In these verses, sheol is translated grave.

5. *Numbers 16:33* "They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the ____, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation." **In this verse, sheol is translated pit.**

6. *2 Samuel 22:6* "The sorrows of _____ compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;"
In this verse, sheol is translated hell.

7. *Ecclesiastes 9:4-10* "For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their _____, and their hatred, and their envy, is now _____; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God ___ accepteth thy works."

Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no _____, nor device, nor _____, nor wisdom, in the _____, whither thou goest.”

8. *Isaiah 38:18-19* “For the grave cannot _____ thee, _____ can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the _____ cannot hope for thy truth. The _____, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.”

9. *Matthew 16:18* “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of _____ shall not prevail against it.”

10. *Acts 2:25-27* “For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in _____, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” **In these verses (#9 & 10), hades is translated as hell.**

From God’s word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the _____, whether we all tend, expressed by the Hebrew word sheol and the Greek word _____, is a _____, or condition, in which there is no work, device, _____, nor knowledge. Ecclesiastes 9:10.

hades | grave | wisdom | place

Closing prayer: Our Father, thank You for your clear word. Guide us in the studies to come, to more fully understand the state of the dead. The world boldly teaches against Your truth; grow our faith in Your word as we embrace it. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Further study: Revelation 1:18; Revelation 20:11-15

Answers: 1. grave 2. grave 3. grave 4. grave 5. pit 6. hell 7. love, perished, now, work, knowledge, grave 8. praise, death, pit, living 9. Hell 10. hell

*These things said [Jesus]: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
John 11:11-14*