

Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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The State of the Dead

We have seen that what the world tells us about death is not in concert with God's word. Further exploration is needed to uncover this deception.

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, guide our hearts and minds through this study. Reveal to us, through Your Spirit, the true condition of the dead. Release us from the bondage of error. We pray in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is the condition of the dead as revealed in the Bible?

1. *Psalm 115:17* "The ____ praise __ the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."
2. *Psalm 146:4* "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his _____ perish."
3. *John 11:11-14* "These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus** _____; **but I go, that I may awake him out of _____**. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his _____: but they thought he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is _____**."
4. *Ecclesiastes 9:5-6* "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead ____ not any thing, neither have they any more a _____; 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."
5. *Daniel 12:2* "And many of them that _____ in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

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

That the _____ to which we are reduced by _____ is one of _____, inactivity, and _____ unconsciousness. Psalms 146:4; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; Daniel 12:2

entire / silence / death / state

Closing prayer: Wise Father, thank You for the merciful truth about the condition of the dead. It dispels the worldly view that brings confusion and spiritualism. Protect us from the error that the world so enticingly invites us to believe. In the name of Jesus, we pray, amen.

Answers: 1. dead, not 2. thoughts 3. **sleepeth, sleep**, death, **dead** 4. know, reward, love, perished 5. sleep