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Genesis 3

Lesson 6 – The second death

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There is a second death Revelation 2:11 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death* Revelation 21:8 *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.* In our last lesson the first death is a passing from a temporal mode of living. You either pass from your temporary life on earth to eternal life in heaven or you pass from your temporary life on earth to a temporary punishment in hell. This is a clear definition of the first death. The spirit returns to God that gave it; the body returns to the dust of the ground; and the soul either steps out into eternity with the Lord or into a temporary place of torment known as hell.

It is possible to die the first death more than once. You remember Jairus' daughter, Lazarus, Eutychus and many others when doctors revive patients in the hospital after being flat-lined. Mark 5:21, 42; John 11:1, 44; Acts 20:9, 12.

The second death is not a death of the temporal body; the second death is the death of one's soul, passing from the temporal existence in hell to the permanent existence in the Lake of Fire. The born again Christian will not experience the second death Revelation 2:11. The newer versions do not interpret the first and second deaths correctly; they translate the words use with Gehenna, Sheol or Hades. Revelation 20:14, *death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.* Hell is the temporary place where a lost man goes when he dies the first death. Hell is the name for the temporary place; the lake of fire is the name for the permanent place.

1. The second death is to be feared (Matthew 10:28). In Matthew chapter 10 There is a second death... it is a fact; spoken of in Revelation 2, 20 and 21. If Christians would quit worrying about the government, cybercrime, food shortages, nuclear war, black helicopters, and the devil and start living for God, the kingdom of God would be stronger. Matthew 10:28. *And fear not them which kill the body,* That is a command of Jesus Christ. Stop being afraid. Jesus said Matthew 10:28 *And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.* Proverbs 8:13 *The fear of the LORD is*

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to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. We need to fear God; He is the only one with all the power.

2. The second death requires your soul (Luke 12:16-21).

Luke 12:16-18 *And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.* There is nothing wrong with abundance of wealth and an abundance of goods. Do you know what killed this fellow? Everything he had, he bestowed upon himself. He did not give it to God, the poor, the work of the Gospel, he built a palace to give to himself. Everything he did was for self. His riches were not his problem. His heart was his problem.

Verse 19 *And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.* What is the second death? At the first death a man gives up his spirit and his body. At the second death a man gives up his soul. God requires the eternal everlasting soul. Why am I not worried about the first death? I don't worry about losing my spirit – I have God's Holy Spirit. I do not worry about losing my body – God's going to give me a new body. My soul is saved forever; it has been given eternal life. The first death I am not worried. But, the second death... to be feared because you lose spirit, soul and body forever.

When a man is found guilty at that White Throne Judgment and that angel cast him into the Lake of Fire which the Bible says is the blackest of darkness forever... not only will you never again have any idea where you are other than in torment. You will not be with your friends and buddies having a party because they will not know where you are. Not even God will know where you are for God has put you in the land of forgetfulness Psalms 88:12 How about being so lost that not even God can find you.

3. What happens at the second death.

The soul is your own and is eternal Matthew 16:26.

Matthew 16:26. *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?* Jesus said if you had everything in this world and lost your soul, you would be the loser.

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4. After the first death a soul retains full consciousness and full mental and physical faculties Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 6:9-10.

This story in the Bible is very familiar to all of us. Luke 16:19-31 *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: (He went to expensive restaurants.) 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. (That is about as poor as you can get) 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son,* (The income bracket you are born into or have succeeded in your lifetime will not do you any good when you die. This man was a son of Abraham, God's chosen people; he died and went to hell.) *remember that thou in thy lifetime...* Can you imagine that forever and forever and forever in the torment of the Lake of Fire... in the blackness of outer darkness thinking in your mind of the sermons you heard... the tracts you tore up... the Christians you cursed... the knowing that you did not have to be there? This man... You can argue all you want about whether it is a parable or not. What Jesus is teaching here is on the other side of this life a man who never knew Jesus Christ as Saviour is alive... is conscious... is being tormented... he knows where he is... and wishes to God he wasn't.

Revelation 6:9. *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?* Religious beliefs such as soul sleep, annihilation and death is the end, are all lies of the devil. People are alive and conscious after having left their bodies behind in death.

5. The second death is the escape of a soul from hell, to stand at the White Throne Judgment, and then to be cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the permanent abode of the lost, where one will never again behold any aspect of true life in the person of Jesus Christ. Revelation 20:11-15; 1 John 5:11-13;

John 12:47-48, *And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.* In heaven, since the day you

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were born they have been keeping records of every thought, word, deed, and action. They are written and recorded. When a lost man stands before God, God will take the book that He wrote and open the books that you wrote and if the book of your life does not match the book God wrote in one place, you are doomed. The Bible says if you offend in one point, you are guilty of all. Why? The crime is breaking God's word. *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.* I'm so thankful on the 15th day of April, 1972, the blood of Jesus Christ purged the record books of my life. Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...* I will never again be judged for my sin. I will only be judged for what I did with the gift that was given me in Jesus Christ.

First John 5:11-13. *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.* People tell me all the time they cannot understand the Bible. Any first grader in the United States of America can read enough of the Bible to be saved eternally and escape the Lake of Fire. Any man that tells you he is not a Christian because he cannot understand the Bible is dishonest. Listen to this. Verse 12. *(Putting emphasis on each one word syllable) He... that... hath... the... Son... hath... life... and... he... that... hath... not... the... Son... of... God... hath... not... life.* One syllable words... every one of them.

What determines heaven or hell? Not baptism, money, or church membership. It has to do with your relationship to Jesus Christ.

6. Avoid the second death, by saving the soul

2 Corinthians 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. Our concern is not with the spirit, not with the body. It is with the soul that needs to be saved. *He that winneth souls is wise.* Proverbs 11:30. James 1:21 *Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.* It is the soul that needs to be saved. Hebrews 10:39. *But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.* Salvation of the soul is possible only through Jesus Christ

Three more verses how the salvation of the soul is possible and then we will be finished with this lesson Micah 6:6-7; Acts 2:25-27; Revelation 20:1-4 (make sure you read them, see the emphasis on souls)

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All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit

1. What occurs at the first death?
2. What occurs at the second death?
3. *And fear not, Why?*
4. What is the worst thing about going to Hell?
5. In Luke 16:19-31 we read a true story, name five senses the man still had after he died.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
6. What do we learn from Eutychus?
7. What determines heaven or hell?
8. Where is this passage of scripture taken from “*the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*”

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9. Explain Revelation 20:12.
10. Why are religious beliefs such as soul sleep, annihilation, and death is the end, lies of the devil?
11. Who should we fear?
12. What killed the man in Luke 12:16-18?
13. Why should you not worry about the first death?
14. How many times can you die the first death?
15. What two places is this passage taken from “*thou wilt not leave my soul in hell?*”

True/false

- The second death will never happen to a born again Christian.
- Paradise was hell before the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- The second death you lose your spirit soul and body forever.
- A first grader who can read can understand the Bible.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
Matthew 16:26; 1 John 5:12; Matthew 12:36

Any questions?