

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."* *Psalms 23:4 KJV*

Death is the absence of life. Men are pronounced “dead” when the body becomes lifeless. All souls are eternal, because God is eternal and “God created man in His own image.” Man was not created a “living soul.” We read further, “*The LORD God formed*



*man...and breathed into his nostrils the breath of LIFE; and man became a LIVING soul.*” First, Adam was “formed” and then made alive! Breath is presence. Your breath is only present where you are. Jesus is God. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD. In Him was LIFE; and the LIFE was the LIGHT of men. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”* Jesus said, “I am the...LIFE. He that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from DEATH unto LIFE.” Cold is absence of heat, dark is absence of light, and death is absence of life. Believers are never separated from God, even in bodily death for their “LIFE is hid with Christ in God.” Paul wrote, “*I am persuaded that neither death, nor life...shall be able to separate us from...God.*” Believers see only the shadow of what unbelievers will know for eternity; the absence of God! Shadow confirms the light! The brighter it is, the fainter the shadow! If we “walk in the LIGHT,” obey God’s Word, the body (shadow) has less influence. Believers see death’s shadow, because the body is “carnal, sold under sin.” The body is, “*DEAD in trespasses and sin. Men loved darkness rather than LIGHT, because their deeds were evil.*” Get out of the shadow! Believer’s bodies will change “*in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump...for this corruptible shall put on incorruption...and we shall be changed. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven...with the trump of God. We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as He is.*” Moving shadows instinctively draw focus, because light is blocked, but the shadow isn’t the threat. Don’t focus on the “shadow!” Bodily lust (desire) blocks the LIGHT, the Word of God. “*God is a Spirit. The [body] receiveth not...the Spirit of God. They that worship Him must worship Him IN SPIRIT and in Truth; Thy Word is Truth.*” You must “walk in Truth,” obey God’s Word to see God. “*They that are after the flesh do mind (obey) the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. To be carnally minded (obedient) is DEATH; but to be spiritually minded (obedient) is LIFE. They that are in the flesh (obedient to lust) cannot please God. Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God. For by grace are ye saved through faith.*” Without God’s Word, you walk in shadow.

Death has no power to hold the saint,  
There is no fear or panic faint,  
It’s shadow holds no dread or fear,  
For Christ is present, ever near. ~CGP

The “tunnel to light” of near death experiences is Satan, deceiving men into thinking they can enter heaven without God. *“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”* There’s no LIGHT in hell, because “*God IS LIGHT and in Him is NO DARKNESS AT ALL!*” Exit the body and you’re immediately in the spiritual realm; with God in eternal LIGHT or without Him in eternal darkness! Unbeliever’s eternal

souls are immediately in hell! "The rich man also died, and was buried. He lifted up his eyes...in hell...in torments." Believers are immediately with God. "To be absent from the body [IS] to be present with the Lord;" finally free of the body, "the shadow of death!" God's Word frees believers from "shadow! For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of LOVE, and of a sound mind. God is LOVE. There is no fear in LOVE; but perfect LOVE casteth out fear" Why would children choose beheading from murderous ISIL Muslims rather than recant their Jesus? Because they have SEEN His "LIGHT!" For the believer, bodily death is a portal into the brilliant eternal LIGHT of God! Soul and spirit move to the presence of God awaiting Christ's return and "WE SHALL BE CHANGED!" Men are only ETERNALLY secure in the WORD OF GOD! In this life ONLY do men have the chance to make God's presence permanent. "It is appointed unto men once to die and after this THE JUDGMENT!" Death's shadow only verifies the presence of "The LIGHT." Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the LIGHT of the world. The entrance of [God's] Word giveth LIGHT!" Is Jesus in your world? If not, you "walk in darkness." While there is time, believers must warn unbelievers of their peril! If you have no "LIGHT" in your earthly life, you'll have no "LIGHT" in eternity!

*"And He had in his right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged Sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at his feet as dead. And He laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the First and the Last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."* Revelation 1:16-18 KJV

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