

Voices From The Dead

Hebrews 11:1-4

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The Voice Of Samuel 1 Samuel 28:15-19

The certainty of death.

- ▶ ***"Thou and thy sons shall be with me" verse 19.*** cf. Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 9:5

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The proximity of death.

"Tomorrow." verse 19; cf. 1 Peter 1:24

- ▶ Life is brief.

James 4:14, "What is your life? for ye are as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Job. 14:1-2, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble, he cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

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Life is brief ...

Ps. 90:10, "The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away" Verse 12, "Teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."

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The Voice Of The Rich Man Luke 16:23-28

Death is not the end. ***"In Hades he lifted up his eyes."***

- There is a conscious existence after the death of the body, and he answers most affirmatively the question of Job. ***14:14, "If a man die shall he live again?"***
- ***Matthew 22:32, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not (the God) of the dead, but of the living."***

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Death is not the end.

- ▶ The horribleness of the punishment of the wicked, ***"Being in torments."***
 - cf. Matthew 8:12; Mark 9:48 Description.
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:9 Eternal destruction.
 - Romans 11:22 Goodness and severity.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:11 Terror.
 - Romans 12:19 Vengeance.

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Death is not the end.

▶ There is an appointed time for judgment.

Acts 17:31, "Inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

Romans 14:12, "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God."

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The warning to all is to avoid hell.

"Lest they also come into this place of torment."

- The Bible is filled with such warnings. Matthew 7:13ff; Ezekiel 18:30–32; Amos 4:12.
- To those who are headed for the same place, the rich man says, "Don't come here!"

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The Voice Of Abel Hebrews 11:4

Cain and Abel. Genesis 4

The necessity of preparation for death.

- The necessity of faith.
- **"By faith."** Hebrews 11:1,6; John 8:24; Acts 16:31; 2 Corinthians 5:7
- The meaning of faith, **"By faith Abel offered ..."**

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Cain and Abel. Genesis 4

Acceptable faith is obedient faith.

- Noah prepared an ark. Hebrews 11:7ff
- Abraham obeyed, and offered. Hebrews 11:17
- ▶ Abel says, "Put your faith into action and obey God." James 2:24

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The reward of faith.

"Witness borne to him that he was righteous."

- An obedient faith is reckoned for righteousness. James 2:23
- An obedient faith unites with Christ. Galatians 3:26ff
- A life of faith will lead to heaven. Revelation 2:10
- ▶ Abel says, "Faith has its rewards ... Trust and Obey"

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Conclusion:

Listen to and respect the ...

- ▶ Voice of Samuel:
The certainty of death.
- ▶ Voice of the Rich man:
The certainty of life after death.
- ▶ Voice of Abel:
The necessity of preparation for death.

They speak the truth with all honesty and sincerity!