

All Children Who Die Go Straight To Heaven

King David said, "While the child was still alive I fasted and wept for him. Who knows whether God would be gracious to me and the child may live? But now he is dead why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? (No.) I will go to him but he will not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:22 & 23).

Jesus said, "Allow the little children and do not forbid them to come to Me for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to children like these" (Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16).

'God You formed my inmost being (my inward parts, heart, major organs, respiratory system, digestive system, nervous system, connective tissue system, circulatory system etc). You did knit me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that exceedingly well. My skeleton was not hidden from You when I was intricately embroidered in secret, woven together in the depths of the womb. Your eyes saw my embryo or unformed substance. In Your Book (of Life) they were all written, the days ordained for me when as yet there were none of them' (Psalm 139:13 to 16).

'God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath (spirit) of life and man became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7). 'The dust returns to the earth as it was and the spirit returns to God Who gave it' (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

The Bible does not give us a lot of information regarding the death of children. Our aim is to comfort parents and others who have lost a baby or young child. Even people who do not believe in God usually believe their child is safe with angels who are taking care of them. Some people believe their child becomes an angel, which is not right. They often tell other children their beloved baby is a shining star looking down on them from above, which is sweet but not correct. King David stated he would eventually go to be with his baby but the baby could not return to him. God said David was a man after His own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). David knew he would eventually go to heaven and be with his baby who would already be there, and he knew he would see the baby again. Jesus said heaven belongs to children. People who have lost a young child can be comforted in the knowledge their baby is indeed safe in heaven and is being cared for by angels no matter how their child died.

Every baby that is conceived has the potential to become an adult human but not all children reach the age of maturity. The lost child has not vanished, vaporised nor disappeared into nothingness. Their body may have died but their soul and spirit are still alive. Everyone on earth is made up of body, soul and spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23). We can only see the body. The soul is the human character, personality, emotional part and the area of learning and knowledge but is invisible to us. See what King David said. "My soul knows that exceedingly well." The spirit is the spirit of life given by the Lord to the newly conceived unborn baby at the very moment of conception. People may think the spirit of their child stays with them after death but that is not possible. Once the child dies their spirit immediately returns to God Who gave it at the moment of conception (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The body dies but the soul of the child stays with the spirit so in heaven they will have the same personality and features as they did on earth. Children who die do not become angels. Angels are a different type of creation, made by God for His purposes, although some of them can be very human-like. For example we are told, 'Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for in doing so some people have entertained holy angels without knowing it' (Hebrews 13:2). There is no such thing as reincarnation. Once your child has passed away, he or she never returns to earth. They stay in heaven forever. 'It is appointed for mankind to die once' (Hebrews 9:27). David said, "I will go to him but he will NOT return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). David was expecting to eventually go to his baby who was already in heaven but he knew the baby would never return to earth. The soul and spirit do not remain without a body. As we know the flesh and blood body dies but all people who go to heaven receive a new immortal heavenly body that can never die. In a fraction of a second, in a blink of an eye we will be changed and will become immortal (1 Corinthians 15:52 & 53).

God does not discriminate between various religions. It was mankind who divided people up into different religions, not God. If one religion claims another religion is 'unclean' or something, God does not have that opinion. In God's eyes, all children are innocent no matter what the parents or families believe. Even the children of atheists or ancient pagans are in heaven because all their children are innocent. No matter how the child died, when the child died or where the child died, they are or will be in heaven. From the most ancient of ages to modern times, all young children will be in heaven. This Bible study is about children who pass away, not adults. Adults must seek God for themselves. This Bible study is not about religion or belief. It is about what the Bible tells us in regard to the loss of young children. Adults of any religion or no religious belief at all who have been almost killed in an accident then clinically revived, have regularly stated, there are no children in hell. Other clinically revived adults have said they saw children being tended to by angels

in heaven and the children have grown up as they would on earth, and also, the children recognised them if they knew them on earth. Those near-death experiences confirm what King David said, "I will go to him."

Young children will not be lost to God if they are not baptised. They will still go to heaven. Scripturally, only adults or older children should be baptised because they need to be old enough to know the difference between right and wrong. There is not one word regarding infant baptism in the Bible. Sprinkling a baby with water will not be an effective baptism because baptism comes after repentance (Acts 2:38) and babies do not know what sin is therefore they cannot repent. True baptism is by full immersion in water. Jesus was baptised in the Jordan River (Mark 1:9). He went down into the water and came up out the water signifying His own death, burial and resurrection. Our baptism identifies us with Jesus' burial and resurrection (Romans 6:3 to 11), and signifies our 'death' to the old life and our resurrection to a new life in God, something young children cannot understand. If infant baptism was God's way, Jesus would have been baptised as a baby but he was an adult of about thirty years old (Luke 3:23) when He was baptised and He is our example. We need to know what sin is and be able to repent before we can be baptised and babies cannot repent or seek God for themselves. Infant baptism is not scriptural so if your child dies before they can be baptised, their spirit will safely go to be in heaven. We hope this is a comfort to parents who have lost a young child and are concerned for them.

Limbo is a fictitious place where unbaptised babies were supposed to go if they died but were not old enough to be judged, like a kind of suspension in no-mans-land forever. In reality, limbo does not exist. The spirit of babies and young children go straight to be with the Lord at the point of death. One can only imagine the dreadful feeling bereaved parents must endure, after having suffered the tragic loss of a child, then being made to believe their precious child is in limbo. It would be devastating. Parents should be at peace after reading this, knowing their children are already with the Lord in heaven. The same applies to all babies and children. There is not one scripture in the Bible that speaks about limbo. It does not exist. We hope this will comfort parents who have lost a baby and have been told they in limbo. Your baby or young child is in heaven with the Lord and are being cared for by angels.

How do we know angels care for children? Scripturally, each child has their own angel. 'He will put His angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways' (Psalm 91:11; Luke 4:10). Jesus said, "See that you do not despise one of these little children, for I tell you in heaven their angels (yes, their own individual holy angels) always watch (over them) and see the face of My Father Who is in heaven ... It is not the will of your Father Who is in heaven for one of these little ones to perish" (Matthew 18:10 & 14). In this context, to 'perish' means to go to a lost eternity, so what Jesus is saying here, it is not God's will for any child to go to hell. Turning this around Jesus is saying it is truly God's will for every child to go to heaven. Each child has their own holy angel who watches over them and looks at God's face to receive instructions.

When parents go through the dreadful pain of losing a child they can sometimes feel grief-stricken, numb, angry and are sometimes unable to cope with everyday life and other children, even their own. Some feel like a dark shadow has passed through their lives. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. Grief is individual and other people need to allow bereaved parents to grieve their own way, for as long as they need to. Some parents feel as though they are walking through a deep, dark valley of death. God is the only One Who knows the right way to comfort us and all we need to do is turn to Him. 'This is my comfort in my affliction for Your Word has revived me' (Psalm 119:50). 'Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me' (Psalm 23:4). The comforting rod and staff are analogies. A rod is the item Moses used to bring miracles (Exodus 4:2 to 20). A staff is what shepherds use to guide their sheep.

For anyone who has suffered the terrible loss of a child we hope this Bible study will bring you comfort in the knowledge your child is safe and will forever be with the Lord. They will never feel hunger, thirst, pain, sorrow, fear, shed tears, suffer sunburn, know sickness or any negative thing, and they can never suffer death again. 'They will never be hungry, neither thirsty any more. Nor will the sun beat on them nor any heat for the Lamb (Jesus) Who is in the midst of the throne shepherds them and leads them to springs of waters of life. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes' (Revelation 7:16 & 17). 'I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will no longer exist neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more' (Revelation 21:3 & 4).

Amen and God bless you.

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