

People Cannot Die

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People can't die. What really happens is they sleep for a while and wake up in the spiritual world. And if they have been good people, they are taken into heaven, where they live forever.

You know, we talk about people being old. We see a woman whose body is not young and strong any more, and the Lord calls that person into the spiritual world, and it seems that she has died. What has really happened? What has happened is that she has started to use her spiritual body instead.

What is a spiritual body? It's a body that can live in heaven. You have a body, don't you? Did you know that you also have a spiritual body even now? If the Lord wanted to He could open your spiritual eyes, and what would you see? You would see the angels of heaven. You wouldn't be seeing them with these eyes, but with the eyes of your spiritual body.

You probably remember stories where that happened. When the angel Gabriel talked to Mary, she saw him with her spiritual eyes. When he talked to Zacharias in the temple, Zacharias used his spiritual eyes. Do you remember the story of Easter? Mary Magdalene and the other Mary saw the angels at the sepulcher with their spiritual eyes.

The body here gets old. It wears out after about 70 or 80 or 90 years. But the body in heaven never gets old. It can't wear out. Its eyes are always strong—you don't have to wear glasses in heaven. Its ears always hear well; people are never deaf in heaven. You don't find people with limps, or people who can't walk, or who are terribly sick in the spiritual world. Their bodies are so much better than the bodies in this world.

What happens if a baby dies and goes into the other world? He doesn't die, does she? She just sleeps awhile and wakes up in a spiritual body. At first it's a baby's body, and it grows like babies do on this earth. When that baby becomes a young woman of about 18, then the body stops growing because it's perfect. It stops growing older. It stays young forever.

If an old man dies, he comes into a spiritual body, and at first it seems to him that he is still old, because he's used to having an old body. But after a while in the spiritual world he grows younger! His body gets young and strong, and at last he becomes a man of 18 years old, and his body stays that way forever.

It only seems that a person dies. All that happens is he moves from one body to another. He stops using the body he had in this world, and starts using the one he will have forever in the other world. People here on earth bury that old body, or perhaps they burn it, because they don't need it any longer. It is like an old dress, or an old pair of jeans that you don't need any more. And they know that the person they loved has a much more wonderful body in the spiritual world, so he doesn't need this one any more.

The angels never think of dying, they only think that a new friend is coming into their world to be with them. They know that there is no death, just waking up in the spiritual world.

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