LIFE NOTES
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Heaven: I Can Only Imagine
"Why Do We Die?"

Psalm 90:10 "Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures …" (NIV)

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT DEATH

1. Death _____ of God's original plan.

Genesis 1:27-31 "27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." 29 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw all that He had made, and it was very good …" (NIV)

2. Death is the result of _____.

Genesis 2:16-17 "16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it **you will certainly die**." (NIV)

Genesis 3:4-5 "4 You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (NIV)

Genesis 3:19 "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and **to dust you will return**." (NIV)

Genesis 3:21-24 "21 The Lord God made **garments of skin** for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever. 23 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life." (NIV)

Mankind would die _____.
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Genesis 2:7 "The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." (NIV)

Romans 5:12 "… sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned …"(NIV)

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death …" (NIV)

3. Death is a _____ on humankind.

Genesis 3:17-19 "17 To Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground since from it you were taken' for dust you are and to dust you will return." (NIV)

Isaiah 28:15 "… We have entered into a covenant with death, with the realm of the dead we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place." (NIV)

Isaiah 28:18 "Your covenant with death will be annulled; your agreement with the grave will not stand. When the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, you will be beaten down by it." (NIV)

4. Jesus came to _____ of death.

Galatians 3:13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, "Cursed in everyone who is hung on a pole."" (NIV)

1 Corinthians 5:20-22 "20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." (NIV)

Revelation 1:17-18 "17 … Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." (NIV)

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV)

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 "51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will be changed—52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will raised imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE: Death is not _____! The is _____!

Revelation 21:3-4 "3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be **no more death** or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (NIV)