



What Happens When You Die?

Genesis 3:3-4: (NASB) ³*but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die. 'The serpent said to the woman, 'You surely will not die!*



It is awfully cliché to say it, but death is part of life. Nobody wants it, nobody likes it and nobody even likes thinking about it. But death, until further notice, is the inevitable end for every being that exists on this earth. So, what happens when you die? Talk to 10 people and you could easily get 10 different answers. Stay with us as we look into death and how the Bible defines it - you may be surprised!

How is death introduced in the Bible?

🔊 Early medicine to revive the dead, *Horizon Research Foundation*

- *Before the advent of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and research into cardiac arrest, after somebody died there was very little that could be done to revive them. This meant that death was very much a moment as defined by the heart stopping.*
- *Throughout the past centuries and millennia, ancient physicians also attempted to revive the dead. However, most of their attempts were largely futile. Some of the earliest attempts centered around warming a person after they had died. This is because ancient physicians associated warmth with life and coldness with death.*

Let's look at the very beginning:

Genesis 1:27-28: (NASB) ²⁷*God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.*

Man was created in a unique fashion compared to the rest of the earthly creation. Man was given rule, dominion and responsibility over the earth.

Death's first reference appears in the context of brand new life:

Genesis 2:15-17: (RVIC) ¹⁵*And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou shalt surely begin to eat: ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely begin to die.*

The King James Version says, *Dying thou shalt die.* This gives us the sense of a death process. (Review the KJV margin for this text.)





Observations:

- God gave man the perfect environment, conducive for living;
- Man was tasked with its care and upkeep;
- Man had free access to all except the tree in the midst of the garden;
- Potential consequences for disobedience were immediately present; and
- The consequence would have an immediate effect (*Dying thou shalt die*).



Can't destroy consciousness, *Deepak Chopra, CNN*

- *The mind, the consciousness, the one I'm talking to right now is not a product of the brain but is localizing itself through the brain. Just like people who are seeing us right now on their screens, we are not in their television boxes. We are coming through these airways and they are perceiving us, but if they open the box, they won't find Deepak or Jeff or anyone there.*
- *So if I look inside you, I won't find your soul because it's not there. In fact, your body is experienced in your consciousness. Your mind is experiencing your consciousness and the evidence is pointing out that this consciousness is not local, which means it exists outside of space-time. Therefore mathematically, it is impossible to destroy this consciousness.*

Genesis 3:1-7: (RVIC) ¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yes, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ²And the woman said unto the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: ³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall surely not begin to die: ⁵for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil. ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. ⁷And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

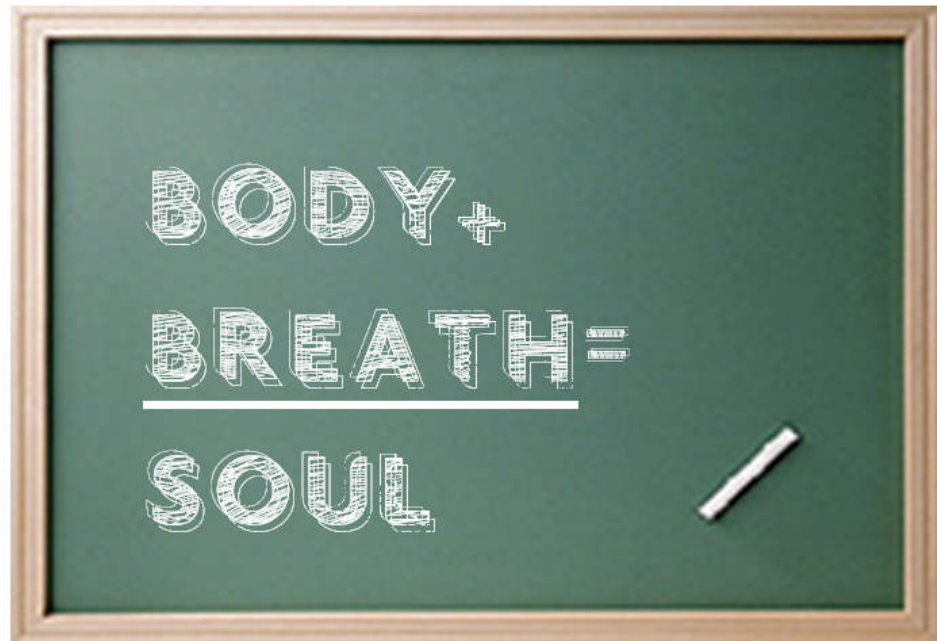
Their eyes were opened! Humankind was not created with shame. Shame occurred and the dying process began.

According to the Old Testament, what does "death" mean?

Man became a soul or being:

Genesis 2:7: (NASB) Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Notice that man was not given a soul, he *became* a soul.



Hebrew word for soul/being:

Soul: Strong's #5315 nephesh (neh'-fesh); a breathing creature

What is the consequence - the full consequence - of disobedience for this being?

Genesis 3:17-19: (NASB) ¹⁷Then to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat from it; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

So, is death defined here? Is death simply going back to the pre-life state (the absence of life)? Isn't that what God is saying? If so, "die" cannot mean "live on in another state."

God was very specific in Genesis to help us understand. We are dust and would return back to the original state, one of non-existence.

Are other life forms called "beings" or "souls" as well?

Genesis 1:20-21: (KJV) ²⁰And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving **creature <5315>** that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹And God created great whales, and every living **creature <5315>** that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

The same word is used to describe the rest of the creation, not just man.

 Meeting before your birth, *Ghosts' Past Lives*, iamjefferyallen.com

- To really understand what happens when you die, I have to start before you were born. Now, as spirits out of body, we travel from life to life. We tend to travel with groups of spirits who have similar interests, similar things they are learning, and similar goals. Now, before this lifetime you are in right now, you had a big planning session with all the people that were going to be



significant or who are significant in your life right now, as well as the spirit guide traveling with each of you, helping to coordinate and keep you on path and help line things up according to this plan that you wrote, and according to the plan that you are writing as your lives.

- *Now, keep in mind that even though you've had a big planning session, there is kind of a path that you've set yourself forward on. This is written in pencil. You are the author of your story, so you can change it at any time.*

Genesis 2:17: (NRSV) *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall **die <4191>**.*

Die: Strongs #4191 muwth (mooth); to die (literally or figuratively); causatively, to kill

Dead: Strongs #4194 maveth; death, dying, death by violence (as a penalty)

These Scriptures make the point that the "man" and the "body" suffer the same fate:

2 Kings 8:5: *And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a **dead <4191>** body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.*

Job 14:14: (KJV) *If a man **die <4191>**, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.*

If the man continues to live after he dies, why ask the question *shall he live again?*

Ecclesiastes 10:1: (KJV) ***Dead <4194>** flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor.*

Dead describing the flies here is the exact same word for death that is applied to humans...

Psalms 6:5: (KJV) *For in **death <4194>** there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?*

Psalms 115:17: (KJV) *The **dead <4191>** praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.*


These Scriptures represent death as a silent, dark, non-existent state.

Does the New Testament support this idea of death as the absence of life?

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

This fits with the Genesis consequence of disobedience *dying thou shalt die.* Here, the wages of sin is death.

Let's take a look at the concept of immortality. According to the Webster's Online Dictionary, to be immortal is to be exempt from death or exempt from oblivion.

 **Eternal vs. ego self and death - What happens when we die, www.askteal.com**

- *Not fearing death, therefore, is the natural byproduct of adopting the view of your eternal-self. The view that your eternal-self has of death is the exact*



opposite of what your ego-self has of death. Death is not seen as a loss, and death is not seen as annihilation by your eternal-self, because it knows it as the eternal stream which is always flowing into life and out of life.

- Death will not be unknown to you if you continue the path of the spiritual life, because it is the process of reintegration with your eternal-self, which is your true self, really. The process of integrating the transcendental awareness with the limited perspective of the individual life. Your body is a temporary expression of your eternal and true self. Therefore, there is no death.*

Immortality in the New Testament:

Immortality: Strong's #861 *aphthrsia* (af-thar-see'-ah); incorruptibility; unending existence; (figuratively) genuineness
KJV-- immortality, incorruption, sincerity.

Immortality: Strong's #110 *athanasia* (ath-an-as-ee'-ah); deathlessness
KJV-- immortality.

Do we have immortality, deathlessness, inherent within us?

Romans 2:7: (KJV) *To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and **immortality <861>**, eternal life:*

If we have immortality inherent in the human "being," then would we ever have to seek it? We are in the seeking process as Christians.

What kind of "body" goes to heaven?

1 Corinthians 15:42: (KJV) *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in **incorruption <861>**:*

1 Corinthians 15:50: (KJV) *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit **incorruption <861>**.*

Immortality is not inherent within humans.

1 Corinthians 15:53-54: (KJV) ⁵³*For this corruptible must put on **incorruption <861>**, and this mortal must put on **immortality <110>**. ⁵⁴*So when this corruptible shall have put on **incorruption <861>**, and this mortal shall have put on **immortality <110>**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.**

If you have to *put on immortality*, it means you don't have it automatically yet. This theme is in many places throughout the Bible. Only the faithful Christians receive such a reward scripturally.

One could live forever without actually being immortal. Immortality is deathlessness. One who is immortal does not rely upon any outside source for life and cannot die.

 Exit doors chosen ahead, *Ghosts' Past Lives*, iamjefferyallen.com

- One thing that happened during that planning session is that you chose when you were going to die or the different opportunities at which you might die. I call these Exit Doors and I see these all the time in readings and healing sessions and with people who have had a difficult or kind of a near-death experience happen, or that they are afraid they are going to die soon.*



- *Now in this planning session before you were born, you pick these particular days and say, here are some opportunities for me to go. If it's better for me as a spirit to accomplish things I want to accomplish to stay in the life, then I'll just stay in the life and go by those doors and not die. But if it's a good time to exit, I'm going to go through this Exit Door.*

1 Timothy 6:16: (KJV) *Who only hath **immortality <110>**, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.*

Only the resurrected Jesus had immortality. Saying our soul is immortal goes directly against several New Testament Scriptures written to the body of Christ telling us that immortality is to be *sought*. It is a reward for faithfulness, not something we automatically own.

So, if the Bible says we do not own immortality, then how do we explain the soul in the New Testament???

Does the New Testament's description of the soul
fit the Old Testament's description?

New Testament:

Soul: Strongs #5590 psuche (psoo-khay'); breath, i.e.
concretely the animal sentient principle only

These uses of *soul* fit exactly with the definition of a being as defined in the Old Testament.

Man's soul/being is the man - it is not just his mind, heart or strength.

Luke 10:27: (KJV) *And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy **soul <5590>**, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.*

Jesus' soul/being sorrowed to the point of death:

Matthew 26:38: (KJV) *Then saith he unto them, My **soul <5590>** is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.*

Jesus freely offered his life/soul/being to die as a ransom:

John 15:13: (KJV) *Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his **life <5590>** for his friends.*

The loss of life in death is the same as the loss of a soul in death:

Acts 27:22: (KJV) *And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's **life <5590>** among you, but of the ship.*



Believers' death details (Islam), Shaykh Ibrahim Zidan, Deen Show

- *...and he divided the people into believers and disbelievers. And he said when the person is about to start his hereafter, because the hereafter starts with the moment of death, and is departing from this life if he is a believer, the angels will come to him from the heavens and with bright faces and they would sit with him as long as his eyes can see. And this is reality. This is more real than the fact that I'm sitting here looking at you and you looking at me.*



- *But that moment, he will see the angels sitting, lining up all the way to what his eyes can see. And then the angel of death...there is an angel responsible for taking the souls of the human being. The angel of death will come down and he would sit in front of him...*

According to Islam, there are very specific things that happen after death.

Let's get back to Romans 6, this time let's look at the larger context. We understand death to be lifelessness, which is why resurrection is such an incredibly important part of the plan of God. Resurrection brings life back to those who lost it.

Romans 6:20-23: (NASB) ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. (lifelessness) ²²But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God created man with the *ability* to die. When sin entered, mankind would die as a result. God's mercy wants mankind to have an eternal existence; therefore, resurrection restores life through the ransom of Jesus Christ.

Are your soul and spirit the same or are they different?

 Chinese Daoist, Tyler

- *I got really into Chinese Daoism and for me it's more about energy. I think everything in the world, everything you see, the ground, the cement, is energy. So for me, life on earth is more or less a cultivation of energy and being in tune to what's around you. As far as death goes, for me at least, it's more of a transition into a new awareness of energy rather than passing on to, say, heaven or hell or some other bad place. Energy transfers. I mean, who really knows? For me it's kind of exciting, not that I'm "pro death," but I don't view it as something that is negative in any way.*

The soul and the spirit are two entirely different things...

Spirit: Strong's #4151 *pneuma* (pnyoo'-mah); a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze

There are a wide variety of uses of the word *pneuma*:

John 1:32: (KJV) And John bare record, saying, I saw the **Spirit <4151>** descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

John 4:23: (KJV) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **Spirit <4151>** and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

Mark 9:25: When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit <4151>, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf **Spirit <4151>**, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

These examples teach us that "spirit" is not limited in any way to human form; rather it is used to describe God's influence as well as the influence of demons.



))) Death goes beyond the third dimension, www.askteal.com

- *All death is is a shift in perspective. It is a withdrawing of your energy and focus back from the physical and into what could be called the non-physical, which is the perspective that you hold for... there is no time in this dimension, but we could say for a much longer time. Your larger part of you is always the non-physical, eternal-self part of you.*
- *Just because your eyes and your ears do not perceive something does not mean that it isn't there any more than you can stand in this room and say that the radio waves aren't there just because you can't see it. Your eyes and your ears and your senses were meant to be an interface for this one dimension only. They are a third dimensional interface. And so they do not perceive that which is beyond the third dimension. And so in death, what is happening is the vibration of a person is going beyond the third dimension.*

Next, the human spirit and God's spirit - same word and same sense of invisible power...

Romans 1:9: (KJV) *For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;*

The Apostle Paul served God with his spirit - his power, influence, and drive.

Romans 8:13-16: (KJV) ¹³*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.* ¹⁴*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* ¹⁵*For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.* ¹⁶*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

This power and influence (Spirit of God), spirit of bondage (Satan's influence) and our spirit are struggling one with another to have supremacy in the human frame. We have to guide our own spirit - our own power, strength and drive - towards the Spirit of God.

The soul is who we are - the combination of body and breath that can live and die. The spirit is power, will or force expressed by that which lives.

))) Believers' three questions (Islam), Shaykh Ibrahim Zidan, Deen Show

- *Two angels will come and these two angels will make him sit in the way Allah... knows best. We are not talking about physical things here. And they will ask him three questions. This is what is very important for us to realize now. This is what we prepare ourselves for. Do we have answers to these three questions or not. The answers are not just what we know; it's how our life was. They will ask him, Who is your Lord? What is your religion? And who was the messenger that was sent to you? And the believers will say as to your Lord, he will say Allah, creator of the heavens and the earth. As to what is your religion, he will say submission to the creator of the heavens and earth which is Islam. And who is your prophet; he will say Prophet Mohammed...that moment will open a gate in front of him to hellfire. And it will be said to him, this was supposed to be your place if you would have been a disbeliever. But it was replaced for you by another place, and then a gate to the paradise will be open to him.*



Let's take a look at some seemingly difficult Scriptures...

Genesis 35:16-18: (KJV) ¹⁶And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. ¹⁷And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. ¹⁸And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

1 Kings 17:21-22: (KJV) ²¹And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. ²²And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

This is sensible - life can leave us and miraculously come back. This is similar to being revived in an emergency room today. It is not that the soul goes someplace tangible and then returns. Life leaves the body and can return if the dying process is not complete.

Revelation 6:9-10: (KJV) ⁹And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: ¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

We know that Revelation is highly symbolic, but is the soul here disembodied and crying out with a loud voice? Let's look at another example.

Here is another example of picture language used to make a point.

Luke 19:37-41: (KJV) ³⁹And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. ⁴⁰And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. ⁴¹And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it...

Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem. His disciples are loudly shouting that Jesus is the Messiah, upsetting the Pharisees. Jesus tells the Pharisees that it was prophesied to happen, so if the disciples did not do it, the very stones would cry out.

Jesus was not intimating that the stones would have little vocal cords and tiny mouths to speak. He was saying prophecy must and will be fulfilled. We cannot stop the plan of God.

Genesis 4:10: (KJV) And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Here is another example. Was God saying that Abel's blood had a literal, physical voice? No, his brother's blood was evidence on the ground of the murder. He gave voice to something that does not have a voice in order to make a point.

We have to realize there are symbols that are used. We still use this technique today.

So the soul *can* and *does* die:

Matthew 10:28: (KJV) And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Gehenna)



We learned from previous weeks' studies that Gehenna was a literal valley of destruction; an ancient garbage dump in Jerusalem. Jesus was saying: Don't be afraid of people who can kill you but can't destroy your future life in me through God. Only be afraid of Him who can take your future life and put you into second death where it is utter, complete destruction/oblivion forever. Jesus was saying the soul can be destroyed.

Acts 3:23: (KJV) *And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.*

Here is another Scripture that talks about the destruction of the soul.

In light of this, these following texts really show God's unmatched mercy through Jesus. Resurrection is the answer!

1 Corinthians 15:22: (KJV) *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Job 14:14-15: (KJV) ¹⁴*If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.* ¹⁵*Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.*



Death is the absence of life. The answer to Job's question is yes, man can live after dying (going to an oblivious state of non-existence) because the resurrection of Jesus opened up the door for the resurrection of mankind. The vast majority of mankind will have eternal life on earth, which was God's original plan. For those few faithful Christians, they will have a resurrection to immortality with Jesus in heaven.

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Dying is easy; it's living that scares me to death. --Annie Lennox

More on the soul / being question - there is a strong scriptural position that supports soul as being for both man and animal:

Genesis 1:30: (KJV) *And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is **life <5315>**, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.*

Genesis 7:22: (KJV) *All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.*

Genesis 9:16: (KJV) *And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living **creature <5315>** of all flesh that is upon the earth.*



Another "difficult" scripture...how do we explain this?

Genesis 25:17: (KJV) *And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.*

Genesis 35:29: (KJV) *And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.*

(Gathered unto his people has several other uses...)

Answer to these scriptures:

Deuteronomy 31:16: (KJV) *And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.*

Job 14:10-12: (KJV) ¹⁰*But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? ¹¹As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: ¹²So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.*

Job 7:21: (KJV) *And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.*

Further scriptural support for the soul's mortality:

You return to your origin...

Genesis 3:19: (KJV) *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

Ecclesiastes 12:7: (KJV) *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20: (KJV) ¹⁹*For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. ²⁰All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.*

You "sleep." You don't have consciousness. You cease living...

Ecclesiastes 9:5: (KJV) *For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.*

Ecclesiastes 9:10: (KJV) *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16: (KJV) *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

2 Peter 3:4: (KJV) *And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

1 Thessalonians 4:14: (KJV) *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

John 11:11-14: (KJV) ¹¹*These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. ¹²Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. ¹³Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.*



John 11:23-25: (KJV) ²³*Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.* ²⁴*Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.* ²⁵*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

Job 14:14-15: (KJV) ¹⁴*If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.* ¹⁵*Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.*

1 Corinthians 15:20-22: (NIV) 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.*

These two accounts of a yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecy confirm that souls can be destroyed:

Ezekiel 18:1-4: (KJV) ¹*The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,* ²*What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?* ³*As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.* ⁴*Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

Jeremiah 31:27-34: (KJV) ²⁷*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.* ²⁸*And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.* ²⁹*In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.* ³⁰*But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.* ³¹*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:* ³²*Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:* ³³*But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.* ³⁴*And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*