Near Death Experiences Do They Contribute To Our Understanding of the Afterlife?

How Can We Know About Unknown Realms?

Satan's main mission today is to deceive the nations (Rev. 20:3). Of course this means to deceive the people who make up the nations. He's a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour; he's also a roaring lion seeking whom he may deceive.

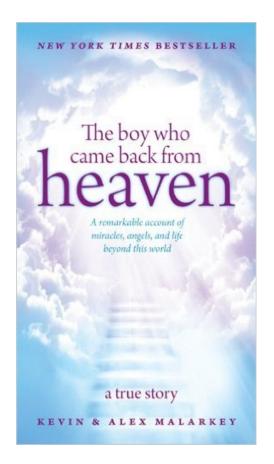
Satan does not want people to see the glorious light of the gospel (2 Cor. 4:3-4). He does not want people to understand the true gospel, the true message of salvation. He wants to blind people so they cannot see or understand God's simple plan of salvation. According to Luke 8:12 (the parable of the sower), Satan takes the Word out of people's hearts lest they should believe and be saved.

In this paper I want to share one of the ways Satan is deceiving people by the thousands and clouding their understanding of the true way of salvation.



One of the most talked about books of 2011 was entitled, *Heaven is for Real*. The book was ranked third on the list of best selling books at Amazon. The book tells about four-year-old Colton Burpo's vision of heaven. The boy claims he visited heaven during surgery after a ruptured appendix nearly took his life. His father is an evangelical pastor. The boy had what seemed to be an out of the body experience where he could see the doctors working on his body and see his parents praying for him. The boy also related his experience of sitting on Jesus' lap, meeting John the Baptist and petting Jesus' rainbow colored horse. All the people he saw had wings like angels except for Jesus. There were also some facts he learned from this vision that his family members say he could not have known in any other way. Examples include knowledge of an unborn sister miscarried by his mother and details of a great-grandfather who had

died 30 years before Colton was born. The book sold millions of copies and a motion picture was produced in 2014 earning over 100 million dollars.



Another example is a book entitled, *The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven – A Remarkable Account of Miracles, Angels, and Life Beyond This World*, by Kevin and Alex Malarkey. It was published by Lifeway (a Christian publisher) which claimed on the cover this was "a true story." This book was a NY Times Bestseller. This best-selling novel is about a six-year-old's trip through the afterlife while he was in a coma. The boy was in a terrible car accident and was in a coma for two months. The book tells about his remarkable trip to heaven during that time. We will say more about this book later.



A more recent example is *Miracles From Heaven*, the story of a ten-year old girl who claims she went to heaven after she fell from a tree and was cured of chronic sickness.

The girl's name was Annabel Beam and her childhood was plagued by antral hypomotility and pseudo-obstruction motility disorders. These incurable ailments meant her intestinal muscles didn't work properly, causing her pain and extreme bloating after eating.

Annabel once told her mother she wanted to die and go to heaven rather than live in pain.

That all changed because in 2011, after Annabel fell 30 feet from a tree and landed upside-down inside the hollowed-out trunk of a cottonwood. Annabel claims that, in the five hours that firefighters worked to rescue her, she went to heaven and met Jesus.

"When I fell, I saw heaven, and it was really bright, and I saw my MeeMee who had died a couple years back," Annabel, now 12, told hosts on Fox News.

Since then, her mother says, Annabel hasn't suffered any gastrointestinal distress.

"I believe that I was cured because whenever I went to heaven I asked Jesus if I could stay with him and he said, 'No Annabel, I have plans for you on earth." According to what Annabel related, Jesus promised to cure her so she could better carry out His work.

She said Jesus has a brown beard, brown hair and a white robe, which corresponds to conventional depictions of Jesus.

The movie, *Miracles From Heaven*, opened in theaters in March 2016 and is based on the incredible story of the Beam family. The mother is played by the well known actress Jennifer Garner.

It's truly an amazing story. Annabel has a freak accident and falls three stories, and by her fall seems to get healed of a chronic illness and has a story to tell about heaven.

Many other similar books have been written. Here are some examples:

My Journey to Heaven: What I Saw and How It Changed my Life by Marvin Besteman

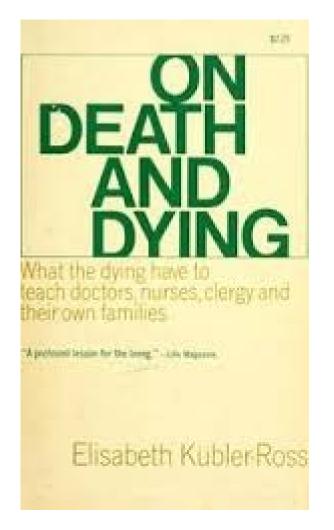
A Journey to Heaven and Back by Dale Black

To Heaven and Back by Mary Neal

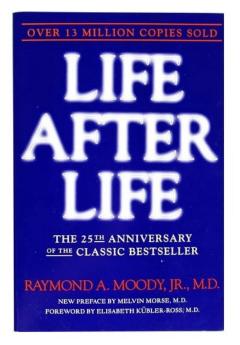
90 Minutes in Heaven by Dennis Prince

23 Minutes in Hell: One Man's Story About what He Saw, Heard and Felt in that Place of Torment by Bill Wiese. This book differs from most other books of this kind because rarely are near-death experiences portrayed as negative experiences. However, this man claims he suffered in hell for 23 minutes.

There are also two prominent people who have devoted their lives to studying near-death experiences.



One of these is a medical doctor and best-selling author, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, who wrote well known book entitled *On Death and Dying*, as well as other books. In fact, her volume *On Death and Dying* is sometimes used as a textbook to train nurses. More will be said about her later.



Another researcher is Raymond Moody who wrote the best-selling book *Life After Life*. He has also authored numerous other books. His books have sold over 20 million copies.

Moody has been named the father of near-death experiences. He has studied thousands of people who have had near death experiences and he discovered that many of these experiences shared common features, such as the feeling of being out of one's body, the sensation of traveling through a tunnel, encountering dead relatives, and encountering a bright light (or a "being of light"), etc. In 1975, Moody published many of these experiences in his book, *Life After Life*, in which he coined the term "near-death experience." In an interview Moody shared his personal conclusions about his research into near-death experiences: "I don't mind saying that after talking with over a thousand people who have had these experiences, and having experienced many times some of the really baffling and unusual features of these experiences, it has given me great confidence that there is a life after death. As a matter of fact, I must confess to you in all honesty, I have absolutely no doubt, on the basis of what my patients have told me, that they did get a glimpse of the beyond."

How Can We Know the Unknown?

There are two areas of knowledge about which man is extremely curious. The first is knowledge of the future: What does the future hold? What is going to happen in the future?

The second is knowledge of the afterlife: What lies beyond the grave? What lies beyond death's door?

There is nothing wrong with wanting to know about such things. In fact, it's very important that we understand the future and it's very important that we understand what lies beyond the grave. God wants us to understand these things and God has provided all the information that we need. The Bible is our only reliable source for information about the future and about the afterlife.

The danger comes when people try to get this information in the wrong way and by the wrong means and from the wrong sources.

God has revealed to us everything we need to know about the future and everything we need to know about what lies beyond the grave. God has communicated to us through the Bible, His perfect revelation, and in those 66 books we have everything we need to know about coming events and about heaven and hell. However, God gives strong warnings to anyone who seeks to gain this information in some other way.

God's Warnings in Deuteronomy 18:9-11

The following list contains heathen practices which God commanded His people Israel to avoid:

Deuteronomy 18:10

- **Pass through the fire** Child sacrifice, offering up your own infant or child as a sacrifice to please or to appease the gods
- **Divination** The practice that seeks to foresee or foretell future events or discover hidden knowledge usually by means of supernatural powers (demons). This was a means employed to determine the future or the outcome of events by the observation of various omens and signs.
- **Observer of times** A soothsayer (one who foretells future events); such a practitioner was thought to be able to conjure up spirits or apparitions.
- **Enchanter** One who interprets omens, telling the future based on signs and events

Witch or witch doctor One who engages in sorcery, inducing magical effects by drugs or some other potion. This involves magic and the casting of spells and the involvement of demons.

Deuteronomy 18:11

- Charmer One who binds someone or something by the use of magical words; one who casts spells
- Consulter with
familiar spiritsOne who consults a spirit, one who is a medium, one who summons the spirits of
the dead, often with the help of demons. Remember a medium is a person held to
be a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of spirits.WizardOne who is expert in mantic arts, the art of foretelling the future, one who possesses
supernatural knowledge through communication with the spirit world
- **Necromancer** A medium who professes to communicate with the dead, but who really has communication with evil spirits that mimic the dead

This list involves occult practices, spiritism, spiritualism, and involvement with demons. God tells His people not to get involved in any way. Don't even get near these things. Don't play with them. Don't dabble in them. Don't even touch them with a ten-foot pole.

Charles Cooper in his study on Deuteronomy says, "The list given here is well-nigh exhaustive of what either the Scripture or anthropology knows as **substitutes for divine revelation**." Such a substitution could be

expressed in this way, "I refuse to go to God for knowledge of the future, so instead I'll visit a fortune teller." Or, "I refuse to go to God for knowledge of the afterlife, so instead I'll consult a medium and try to communicate with the spirits of the dead."

Most of the practices listed here in Deuteronomy 18 involve getting information about the future (fortune telling, divination) or getting information about what lies beyond the grave (seeking to communicate with the dead by way of mediums, demons, etc.).

There's nothing wrong with wanting to know about the future, but make sure you get your information from God's revelation and not from other sources. It is also not a problem for a person to want to know what lies beyond the grave, but make sure you get your information from God's infallible Word, and not from other sources.

Deception by Near Death Experiences

I want to share with you a conversation I had with a friend several months ago which really opened my eyes to how people are being deceived. This is a man I've known for over four decades, and our friendship started as we were on the same wrestling team at Wesleyan University. For many years he has owned a business in Middletown but he's now retired. Not too long ago I happened to meet him at a restaurant and we had an opportunity to chat together. I should also share that prior to this meeting I thought this man was a Christian believer based on some things he had shared with me in the past.

My conversation with him on this particular day was very disappointing. In the course of our conversation I was sharing with him my concern for someone who had rejected the things of the Lord. And to my surprise he tried to assure me that even unbelievers will be okay and will get to heaven. I replied, "No, if a person has never received Christ as his Saviour, that person will not get to heaven. Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6)." He said, "No, that's not true. Even unbelievers will be okay." I said, "No, the Bible is very clear about the eternal destiny of unbelievers. The wrath of God will be upon them (John 3:36); they will not have eternal life. Even John 3:16 teaches that those who do not believe will perish." He said, "No, God will take care of them in a wonderful way." Frustrated by his refusal to submit to the authority of Scripture I finally asked, "Why are you saying these things? What makes you think that unbelievers will be in heaven?" His answer: "It's because I've been studying these accounts of near-death experiences and about people who have been in comas and have actually gone to heaven." And nothing I could say from the Bible would convince him otherwise.

Here is a clear example of a man who was getting information based on people's personal near-death experiences, and he was willing to believe what these experiences seemed to suggest rather than to believe the clear testimony of the Word of God. He was willing to reject the clear teaching of the Bible in favor of these experiences.

What are we going to go by, experiences or the Bible?

Another example comes from one of my former professors at Grace Seminary, Dr. Charles Smith. Dr. Smith related the following incident: "Not long ago in a small town in Ohio, I invited a lady to attend meetings where I was preaching. Her response startled me. "I'm not interested in religion anymore and I have no fear about what will happen after death," she said, "since they have proved now that there is no hell and that God accepts everybody when they die." Where did she get this idea from? By reading books by Raymond Moody and another author, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross.

There was also a man by the name of Dr. George Ritchie, a psychiatrist who also happened to be a Presbyterian. Dr. Ritchie had an out of the body experience which he said changed his conventional views on heaven and hell. "I saw no hell-fire, no heads rolling in the streets. I know beyond a doubt that the Christ I saw will accept everyone, good or bad, even those who don't believe in Him."

You know something is terribly wrong if people are rejecting the true gospel of the grace of God in favor of near-death experiences.



Giving the Unsaved False Assurance

RAYMOND MOODY

We mentioned the best selling book by Raymond Moody, *Life After Life*. What is his description of the afterlife? It's a very positive description. He says, "Many people describe extremely pleasant feelings and sensations during the early stages of their experiences." One man said, "All I felt was warmth and the most extreme comfort I have ever experienced." Another said, "I began to experience the most wonderful feelings. I couldn't feel a thing in the world except peace, comfort, ease." Another man said, "I just had a nice, great feeling of solitude and peace. It was beautiful." Another said, "There was no pain and I've never felt so relaxed. I was at ease and it was all good."

We must understand that there is a difference between being near death and being actually dead. A person can be in a hospital and can be very near death, even to the point where there seems to be no hope of recovery, or a person can be in a coma, or in some cases even pronounced clinically dead, and yet if the person is revived, then this proves that he did not really die. Death is irreversible. Death is a one way street. You can't turn around and come back. Not even the great Houdini could come back from the grave. [Though they did bury him alive once, but being the great escape artist that he was, he clawed his way out of the dirt. However, when Houdini really died, there was no way he could escape death or the grave.] If you really die, then you don't come back to talk about it.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb. 9:27)

People who have near-death experiences, by definition, have not died. Being near death or close to death is not the same as being actually dead. People who are successfully resuscitated by doctors have not died, even if they fit the clinical definition of death for a few minutes. According to Biblical teaching, if someone actually dies and later comes back to life, this is not a near death experience; it's a resurrection from the dead! The Bible gives a clear definition of death: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." According to this definition, death takes place when the spirit leaves the body. And every Biblical indication is that this is a permanent departure; the spirit does not leave the body and then return back to it (see Ecclesiastes 12:7; Heb. 9:27).

There are many possible explanations for near death experiences. The brain, often starved of oxygen and in the stages of shutting down, may produce hallucinations. The brain can do all sorts of weird things when a person is involved in trauma, and while I don't doubt that the light, feelings of peace, etc, were things these people experienced; these were not actual glimpses of heaven.

If you want a true glimpse of heaven, then study what the Word of God teaches about heaven. Raymond Moody makes a serious mistake. He believed that near-death experiences tell us something about what the afterlife is like. But reports of near-death experiences by those who did not really die can offer no information about the afterlife. We must make a careful distinction between being close to death and actual death, which is irreversible.

Dr. H. Leon Greene was a Christian cardiologist and professor of medicine at the University of Washington. He has written a book on these near-death experiences. He says, based on his medical knowledge, that the human brain can be induced (by raising carbon dioxide levels in blood, etc.) to produce the same experiences such as bright lights, a sense of detachment, a feeling of spiritual ecstasy, etc. He warns that people cling to near-death experiences as proof of the New Age message that death is peaceful, that there is no judgment, that God doesn't care about sin, and that all religions get you to the same place. This is dangerous because the New Age message is totally false and unbiblical.

If anyone reads Raymond Moody's book about near-death experiences, he will get the impression that death is something wonderful and beautiful, where the person will experience peace and comfort and no pain. This could easily give an unsaved person a false hope, a false assurance, thinking that everything will be okay.

Does the Bible give unsaved people the hope that everything will be okay after their heart stops beating? The Lord Jesus taught that the great majority of mankind are on the broad road that leads to destruction and only a few are on the narrow road that leads to life (Matt. 7:14). Unbelievers greatly outnumber believers. And when unbelievers die, it's not going to be peaceful bliss. It will not be the euphoria that near-death proponents describe. In speaking of an unbeliever Jesus once said, "It would have been better for that man if he had never been born" (Matt. 26:24). In Luke 16 we have the account of an unsaved rich man who died, was buried and immediately found himself in Hades, in a state of torment (Luke 16:22-25). His desire was to send Lazarus back to earth, not to tell people that the death experience is wonderful, but to warn his five brothers lest they also end up in this horrid place of torment. Quite the opposite message from what we hear from Raymond Moody and Elizabeth Kubler-Ross.

So the key question is: Are we going to go by what God says or are we going to go by experiences?

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross is a person who like Moody has devoted much time in studying near-death experiences. She made this amazing statement: These visions "never included a judgmental God." But there is a God of judgment, and the Bible clearly states that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Heb. 10:31). "It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). How interesting that in these near-death experiences, people never experience a God of judgment. Satan the

deceiver wants people to think that they are okay the way they are. You don't need to change; you don't need to repent; you don't need to believe on Christ. If you are a Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Catholic or follower of any other religion, that's no problem. Everyone has a wonderful, peaceful afterlife to look forward to regardless of their faith or lack of faith. This message is diametrically opposed to true Biblical Christianity.

Did you know that a person does not have to be near death in order to have an out of the body experience? Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and Raymond Moody both have had self induced "out of the body" experiences without being in a near-death situation. One person, Robert Monroe, has even pioneered a program for teaching people how to have a self-induced out of the body experience.



Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

As believers we should not be surprised to learn of demonic involvement in these self-induced out of the body experiences. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross had a familiar spirit, a demon whom she called Salem, who conducted her on such "trips." In 1976 she told a large audience the following: "Last night I was visited by Salem, my spirit guide, and two of his companions, Anka and Willie. They were with us until 3:00 a.m. in the morning. We talked, laughed and sang together. They spoke and touched me with the most incredible love and tenderness imaginable. This was the highlight of my life."

Raymond Moody likewise has regular communication with a spirit-being whom he has identified merely as "God."

Remember what we have seen in Deuteronomy chapter 18. In no uncertain terms the Bible condemns all attempts to contact the dead or the spirit-realm and forbids any kind of communication with spirits or demons.

Earlier I mentioned the best-selling book, *The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven – A Remarkable Account* of *Miracles, Angels, and Life Beyond This World*, by Kevin and Alex Malarkey. It was best-selling novel, advertised as a true story, about a six-year-old's trip through the afterlife while he was in a coma. The boy's name was Alex Malarkey, and the story turned out to be a bunch of malarkey.



Alex Malarkey

In "An Open Letter to Lifeway and Other Sellers, Buyers, and Marketers of Heaven Tourism, by the Boy Who Did Not Come Back From Heaven" Alex as a teen wrote the following:

Please forgive the brevity, but because of my limitations I have to keep this short.

I did not die. I did not go to Heaven.

I said I went to heaven because I thought it would get me attention. When I made the claims that I did, I had never read the Bible. People have profited from lies, and continue to. They should read the Bible, which is enough. The Bible is the only source of truth. Anything written by man cannot be infallible.

It is only through repentance of your sins and a belief in Jesus as the Son of God, who died for your sins (even though he committed none of his own) so that you can be forgiven. May you learn of Heaven by what is written in the Bible...not by reading a work of man. I want the whole world to know that the Bible is sufficient. Those who market these materials must be called to repent and hold the Bible as enough.

In Christ, Alex Malarkey

This boy's "heaven experience" was clearly a hoax as he admits. However, this does not mean that all of these books and movies are hoaxes. There are people who have had unusual experiences that are very real to them and they are very sincere in talking about them.

Let's go back to the movie that came out recently about the remarkable experience of a little girl who fell into a tree trunk. This freak accident seemed to cure her of a serious physical problem. During the five hours that firefighters were trying to rescue her from this tree, she had a vision of going to heaven and talking to Jesus, etc.

What should our response be to reports such as this?

Here is my response:

1) I admit that it's very interesting. You certainly do not hear a story like this every day. It is a fascinating account.

2) I freely admit that there are things in life that I do not understand. I'm not ashamed to admit this. There are many things in life that I cannot explain. God perfectly understands all about what happened to this little girl, but I do not. I don't claim to have all the facts. God knows but I do not. God never asked me to be able to explain what people have experienced, but God did ask me to believe His Word.

3) Most importantly, I do not go by these experiences. I don't let such experiences influence my beliefs. They are interesting. I may not understand them. I can't always explain them. But I don't go by them. And what happened to this little girl does not influence my understanding of heaven the slightest bit, because my understanding of heaven and the eternal state is derived only from the Bible and from nothing else. I refuse to get my doctrine from people's experiences, but only from the Word of God.

If you go by people's personal experiences, then there is no end to that wild ride. You will be tossed to and fro by every wind of false doctrine.

Frank Bush wrote a helpful article on *The Bible and Near-Death Experiences*, and in this article he shared the following, "If I must choose between an experience (whether mine or someone else's) and what the Bible says, I will always believe the Bible and doubt my experience. I do this for two reasons. First, I have an unshakable faith in the truthfulness of the Bible; and second, I realize how easy it is for the human mind to be deceived."

How reliable are people's experiences?

One could easily find people who could share with you their amazing experiences of how they were abducted by aliens, taken away in a spacecraft. Some report that they were on an operating table and the aliens were doing medical experiments on them prior to returning them back to the earth. There are all kinds of books and videos about these kinds of things. The internet is full of such close encounters with aliens. Don't go by experiences because they will lead you astray. Only go by the Bible.

What if you were to have the remarkable experience of being visited by an actual angel from heaven and he announces to you that he has a message of good news. That would indeed be an amazing experience. The Apostle Paul says that even if you were to have such an angelic encounter, you must not go by this experience if the angel's message is contrary to the Word of God and contrary to the gospel of God's grace (Gal. 1:8).

What is the message that comes from these experiences of people supposedly going to heaven and then returning to talk about it? Do they go to heaven, learn the true Gospel of the grace of God and then come back and proclaim it? No, you will rarely if ever hear the true gospel message. Most often it's a message that is totally contrary to what the Bible teaches on salvation. Often the message is something like this: "You don't have to worry about the afterlife. Heaven is a wonderful place. You don't have to fear death. After death you will experience joy and peace. It's a place of wonderful light and you'll experience the wonders of being in God's presence." This message is Satanic. Heavenly bliss is not promised to everyone. It's only for those who are blood-bought children of God. It's only for believers. We must never give false assurance to unbelievers. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

In the movie *Miracles from Heaven*, there is no clear gospel message. People do not leave the theaters being convicted of their sins and realizing that their only hope is found in Jesus Christ. No, it's a feel-good movie, but good feelings do not get people into heaven.

Prior to death, are people able to go to heaven and see Jesus today? Consider what the Bible says: "I go to My Father, and **ye see Me no more**" (John 16:10). "**Whom having not seen**, ye love; in whom, **though now ye see Him not**, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8). "For we walk by faith, **not by sight**" (2 Cor. 5:7). "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: **blessed are they that have not seen**, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

Those accounts of people who claim to have gone to heaven and seen Jesus prior to death must be met with a good amount of skepticism. Often the various accounts have details that are contradictory. Some of the accounts have details which are fanciful (such as Jesus riding a rainbow colored horse) or unbiblical (such as all the people in heaven having wings). Where in the Bible are we told that the resurrection body of believers will have wings? And of course, the greatest lie is that heaven will be a welcoming place of comfort and peace *for everyone*!

In 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Paul tells us that he was actually caught up to the third heaven. He was not sure whether he was in the body or out of the body (v. 3), but he knew that he experienced a genuine vision of heaven. While there he heard unspeakable words, which were not lawful for him to utter (v.4). How different this was from people today who claim to have gone to heaven and are under no such restrictions.

One of the most unusual death experiences in the Bible involves the man of lawlessness or the Antichrist. He will suffer a "deadly wound" by a sword but then be healed, perhaps mimicking in some ways the resurrection of Christ. See Revelation 13:12,14.

One Person really did die and came back from the dead never to die again (Rev. 1:18; Rom. 6:9). The sad thing is that so few people take seriously what He has said about life and death, heaven and hell. People are very interested in these movies and books about these amazing near death experiences, but why are they not interested in what the Son of God has said about life beyond the grave? He's the only One who can be fully trusted. He will never mislead you.

In light of these things, what can we do? If nothing else, these things prove that people have a great interest in the subject of life after death. They want to know what lies beyond the grave. The materialistic, evolutionary world-view teaches that man is nothing but body, bones, blood, brains (just a bunch of chemicals), and that death ends all. This world view teaches that there is no consciousness beyond the grave. But deep within them, people know that this is not true. Millions of people have seen or are going to see these movies; millions of people are reading these books, hoping to find answers about what lies beyond death's door.

People are looking for answers, and we have the answers. We have the truth. We have God's Word. We know about heaven and how to get there. Most people are not going to open the Bible to find out for themselves. We need to tell them. May God give us boldness to share with men and women and boys and girls who need to hear of the unsearchable riches of Christ and what He has revealed to us about the afterlife.

Perhaps in conversing with someone, you can ask a lead question: "My friend, has anyone ever shared with you what God has said about heaven and about how to have eternal life? Would you allow me to share this with you?"

Perhaps you could share with them what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14 about the two roads, the broad overcrowded road that leads to destruction and the narrow road with few travelers that leads to life.

Share with them from John 14:6 where Jesus said He is the only way to heaven. Share with them that none of us deserve heaven or eternal life because of our sins. Explain how Christ took care of the sin problem by His finished work on Calvary's cross.

May we be looking for one-on-one opportunities to share Christ with those God brings us near. May we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks us a reason of the hope that is in us, with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15).

How might the Lord use you to reach out to people that you know? We have a message that they need to hear.

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