

Genesis 23 Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - He Shall Wipe Away Every Tear. Genesis 23

“And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.” (Gen. 23:2). Though the believer mourns the loss of loved ones, yet for those who die in the Lord, we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13). For one day we shall join them and the Lord in Paradise (Lk. 23:43). “And He shall wipe away every tear from [our] eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain” (Rev. 21:4). Read Psalm 116:15

☐ Tuesday - Aliens and Sojourners. Genesis 23

Sarah, like Abraham, was a sojourner and alien in this world (Gen. 23:4). Christians, this world is not your home, we are just passing through, so don't be sad when you have to leave. Your citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20). To live is Christ, but to die is *gain* (Phil. 1:21). Read John 15:19, Hebrews 11:8-16

☐ Wednesday - No Do-Overs. Genesis 23

Reincarnation is the belief that, after death, the non-physical essence of a living thing begins a new life in a different physical form. Whether one is reborn as a human being, poison ivy, or a cockroach is determined by one's “karma”; that is, the good and bad deeds of ones past lives. Christian, “see to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception ... rather than according to Christ” (Col. 2:8). “It is appointed for men to *die once* and after this comes judgment” (Heb. 9:27). There are no do-overs. “Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last”. Read Psalm 90:12, Phil. 1:21

☐ Thursday - This is the Way. Genesis 23

At present time, there are some 10,000 man-made religions in the world. Those in the unitarian universalist “church” believe that all these paths are equally valid, because all paths lead to heaven. But Jesus warned against such a notion, saying there is only *one* narrow little path, one way, that leads to eternal life, while all others lead to destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). Show us the way, Jesus' disciples said, to which He replied, “I am the Way” (John 14:5-6). “Christ is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is He the best of several ways, He is the only ‘way, the truth and the life’” (Tozer). But if even one of those 10,000 man-made religions leads to eternal life, then Jesus died for nothing!!! Jesus declared, “No one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6). Read Isaiah 43:11, 45:21; John 10:9, 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Cor. 3:11; 1 Tim. 2:5

☐ Friday - Present with the Lord. Genesis 23

What will happen to you when you die? IF you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior (Rom. 10:9-10); and IF you are truly born again (John 3:3); that is, IF you are a “new creation” in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17): THEN at the very moment that you close your eyes in death, you will open them in Paradise! For to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8), consciously present (Luke 16:19-31, Rev. 6:9-11). Your body will be laid to rest in the earth, but your spirit will be in joyful communion with your Savior, to await the resurrection of a new glorified body. Read 1 Cor. 15:51-55