



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## “O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?”

*Every one of us knows someone that has died. It could be a family member, a relative, a friend, a neighbor, or coworker. The older I get, the more often I attend a funeral or a “Celebration of Life.” My father, of age almost 91, recently passed. His death was harder for me than my mother’s. He - who I and many loved, looked up to, depended on and enjoyed - was no longer with us. It was difficult during his last month to see him get weaker and weaker. It was difficult dividing up his earthly possessions and making final arrangements. I cried a lot. However, I have the knowledge that I will see him again.*

*It does not matter if we were rich or poor, famous or average, healthy or sick, male or female, religious or not, good or bad, nor our race, citizenship, or occupation our life on earth will end. Our earthly possessions will be divided. Our homes will be someone else’s. Our responsibilities will be taken over by others. Our problems, issues and concerns will no longer matter. Our names will be removed from lists of mailing, phone, taxes, employment, church, organizations, medical, voting and more. Even our accomplishments will someday be replaced with someone’s greater achievements.*

*If there are no Heaven and no Hell then: “Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh.” If there are no Heaven and no Hell, then we would have no purpose in life, no peace, no morals, and no comfort about death.*

*“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep (died), that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.” 1 Thess 4:13-14 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:1-3 “So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” 1Cor 15:54-55 “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thess 4: 17*

*Death is getting closer to you. “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” Rev 20:12 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” Heb 9:27 “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Rev 20:15 Are you ready for the next chapter?*

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*



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I was once asked, “Prove to me that there is a heaven and hell.” I replied  
“Prove to me that there is not. If I am wrong then, there is no harm.  
But if you are wrong, what will you do? Are you willing to find out?”

“But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” Luke 12:20  
“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” Matt 6:20



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