

Where Are the Dead? (Part 2)

Based on chapter 6 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on jw.org.

OBJECTIVE: Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



IS IT GOD'S WILL FOR HUMANS TO DIE?

1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

Why might some people say yes?

Why might some say no?

What do *you* believe?

Why do you believe that?

2

EXAMINE WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

Death was not inevitable for humans.

(See chapter 6 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 9-14.)

Read Genesis 2:16, 17.

According to these verses, what was the only reason why Adam would die?

Logically, if Adam had obeyed God, would he be alive today?



Just as a caring doctor warns his patients about things that could harm them, so Jehovah warned Adam and Eve about conduct that would harm them

Our loving Creator wants his servants to live.

(See chapter 6 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 15-20.)

Read 1 John 4:8.

What is Jehovah's dominant quality?

Read Acts 24:15; Revelation 4:11.

What do these scriptures reveal about Jehovah?

How does knowing the truth about why we die affect your view of Jehovah God?

3

EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

God put us on earth to test us before we go to heaven.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

A lot of people would probably agree with that statement. But I believe differently because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

Everyone dies; death is a natural part of the cycle of life.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

It's true that at present everyone dies. But I don't believe that death was part of God's will for mankind because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?
