

# NW Bible Church – Angels, Devils, and the Dead

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## LESSON –THE PLACE OF THE DEAD – PARADISE

Paradise – NT Only; Greek = a “royal park” or a “garden” – descriptive term applied to multiple abodes

1. Eden described as a “garden” ≈ paradise?
2. Before Resurrection
  - a. Luke 23:43 – “This day you will be with me in Paradise”
  - b. Luke 16:19-31 – Rich man and Lazarus
3. After Resurrection, before final judgment
  - a. 2 Corinthians 12:2-4
  - b. John 14:1-3 – A place prepared for us, Jesus will come for us
  - c. 2 Corinthians 5:6-21 (8), Philippians 1:21-23 – present with the Lord
  - d. Righteous in Revelation - 6:9-11 – Martyrs, 7:9-17 – Tribulation period
4. Millennium Kingdom not described as paradise (not absolutely holy)
  - a. Revelation 20:1-10 (2, 7-8)
5. Eternal State
  - a. Revelation 2:7 – “Paradise” is where the Tree of Life is, future tense
  - b. Revelation 22:1-2 – Tree of Life after final judgment
  - c. Revelation 21-22
  - d. Eternal State of the unrighteous - Revelation 19:20, 20:10, 11-15

## Minimum Dispensations

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| 1. Creation       | Angels in Sheol/Tartarus/Abyss already                                    |
| 2. Fall           | Man to Sheol  |
| 3. Flood          |   |
| 3a. Mt Sinai      |   |
| 4. Resurrection   | Righteous to Heaven   |
| 5. Rapture        | Bodily ascent to heaven, bodies of righteous<br>Releases of fallen angels |
| 6. Return         | Physical death, binding of Satan  |
| 7. Final Judgment | Cast into Lake of Fire  |

## Abode of the Dead

1. Sheol
  - a. Unrighteous from beginning until final judgment
  - b. Righteous (Abraham's Bosom) until resurrection of Christ
  - c. Hades = NT Equivalent
2. Physical Destruction
  - a. Grave
  - b. Destruction (some usages)
  - c. The pit (some usages)
3. Abyss
  - a. Sub-basement of unrighteous Sheol = Angels only
  - b. Same place as Peter's "Tartarus"
  - c. The pit (some usages)
  - d. Bottomless pit (Book of Revelation)
4. Lake of Fire
  - a. Future state – new earth not the abode of unrighteous
  - b. Outer Darkness = Lake of Fire
5. Heaven
  - a. Used of Sky, outer space, God's spiritual abode
6. New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem
  - a. Eternal state, after final judgment
7. Millennium Kingdom – not sinless, not paradise, literal future 1,000 year reign of Christ
8. Paradise