Wilderness/Promise #20 Pastor Rick Baker

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Out of the Wilderness of the Fear of Death

***And into the Promise of Eternal Life with Jesus*** *(Pt. 1)*

(Lk. 23:43; Jn. 14:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13f; Rev. 2:7; 6:9-11; 19:6-8; 21:3; ++)

Where are they now?

*“Today you will be with me in Paradise.”* (Promise of Jesus to the repentant thief; Lk. 23:43)

7 Stages of Existence:

*When a person dies (stage 4), the soul goes to a place (stage 5); that place is an intermediate one.*

* **When a person dies** (Heb. 9:27)

...it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,”

* **The Soul goes to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**—the present heaven

*“****Today*** *you will be with me in* ***paradise****.”* (Lk. 23:43)

* Unbelievers
* Believers

Where/what is paradise?

Heaven—shamayim (Heb)— ouranos (Grk)—

* **The “Place” is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State for the “Fallen Asleep” Believer.**

*“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus...and the dead in Christ shall* ***RISE*** *first.”* (1 Thess. 4:14,16)

Bodies before the resurrection or not?

* The only appearances we have from the other side...
* The Martyrs of Revelation 6:9-11—

What we know for certain when we die

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Are you ready to die?