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Psalm 116:15 *"Precious in the sight of the Lord*

is the death of saints."

Proverbs 12:28 *"In the way of righteousness there is life;*

along that path is immortality."

Deuteronomy 30:15 *"See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction."*

'Gone to God'. 'Passed on'. 'Snuffed it'. 'Pegged out'. There are so many phrases we use to describe a death all of them marking that event which will come to everyone eventually.

We are familiar with the physical facts of death. The lifeless body. The need for burial or cremation. The clearing of houses. But what about the soul? What happens to that part when our bodies fail?

There are many societies in the world which have elaborate arrangements to allow the deceased's soul to leave. Even Jesus hung about a bit before ascending to heaven. In the Christian faith it's all to do with the living of a righteous life walking in the ways of God. The Psalmist makes clear that God delights in his saints (believers) and their reward is immortality.

In Deuteronomy 30 Moses describes in his third address to the Israelites the choice they face as they are poised to enter the Promised Land. The choice between death and oblivion and death and eternal life. It all depends on their acceptance of God and the need to walk with Him. Just as relevant today as in the time of Moses.