

## Heaven awaits!

Recently I saw a book titled, "How to have a good death"!! Here's what the Bible says about this. **First**, death doesn't remove God's presence and blessing in our lives. The fellowship we already enjoy with Him continues: "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5.8.

**Second**, the psalmist also writes of God, saying, "In your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16.11.

In this world we experience sorrow. Our joys are often limited and fleeting. But in heaven there is a fullness of joy. Though our pleasures here are momentary and temporary, at God's right hand there are pleasures *for evermore* because we will then be in the presence of an *eternal* God.

**Third**, can there really be life in the very presence of God after death? Jesus said, "He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living." Mark 12.27.

**Fourth**, blessings in the after-life are something that only God can give. So how important it is to make sure we have a right relationship with Him now.

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**To believe in heaven is not to run away from life; it is to run toward it.**

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