

Retention for Paradise

Ecclesiastes 8

⁸ There is **no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.**

Reconciliation

Romans 5

⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being **reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**

¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom **we have now received the atonement.**

Hebrews 2

¹⁷ Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make **reconciliation** for the sins of the people.

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath **given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

¹⁹ To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath **committed unto us the Word of reconciliation.**

Romans 5

¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the **atonement.**

only time in new testament...69 other times found in OT...

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Psalm 139

- ¹ O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- ² Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- ³ Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- ⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
- ⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Jeremiah 23

²⁴ Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the **LORD**. Do not I **fill heaven and earth**? saith the **LORD**.

⁸ **If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.**

Bed – [OT:3331](#) יָצַח **yatsa`** (yaw-tsay'); a primitive root; to strew as a surface:
KJV - make [one's] bed, ^xlie, spread.

Hell – [OT:7585](#) שְׁאוֹל **she'owl** (sheh-ole'); or **sheol** (sheh-ole'); from [OT:7592](#);
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- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- ¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- ¹¹ If I say, **Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.**
- ¹² Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
- ¹³ For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- ¹⁵ My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁷ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

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...And in the New Testament

Acts 2 Peter...

²⁶Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

²⁷Because **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell**, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

²⁸Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

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Hope ...leading to a lively hope

Psalm 16

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Leave – [OT:5800](#) עָזַב **`azab** (aw-zab'); a primitive root; to loosen, i.e. relinquish, permit, etc.:

KJV - committself, fail, forsake, fortify, help, leave (destitute, off), refuse, ^xsurely.

Soul – [OT:5315](#) נֶפֶשׁ **nepesh** (neh'-fesh); from [OT:5314](#); properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental):

KJV - any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, ^xdead (-ly), desire, ^x[dis-]contented, ^xfish, ghost, + greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, ^xjeopardy of) life (X in jeopardy), lust, man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thyself-), them (your)- selves, + slay, soul, + tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, ^xwould have it.

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Suffer – [OT:5414](#) נָתַן **nathan** (naw-than'); a primitive root; to give, used with greatest latitude of application (put, make, etc.):

KJV - add, apply, appoint, ascribe, assign, ^xavenge, ^xbe ([healed]), bestow, bring (forth, hither), cast, cause, charge, come, commit, consider, count, + cry, deliver (up), direct, distribute, do, ^xdoubtless, ^xwithout fail, fasten, frame, ^xget, give (forth, over, up), grant, hang (up), ^xhave, ^xindeed, lay (unto charge, up), (give) leave, lend, let (out), + lie, lift up, make, + O that, occupy, offer, ordain, pay, perform, place, pour, print, ^xpull put (forth), recompense, render, requite, restore, send (out), set (forth), shew, shoot forth (up), + sing, + slander, strike, [sub-] mit, suffer, ^xsurely, ^xtake, thrust, trade, turn, utter, + weep, + willingly, + withdraw, + would (to) God, yield.

Holy One – [OT:2623](#) חַסִּיד **chaciyd** (khaw-seed'); from [OT:2616](#); properly, kind, i.e. (religiously) pious (a saint):

KJV - godly (man), good, holy (one), merciful, saint, [ungodly].

Corruption – [OT:7845](#) שַׁחַת **shachath** (shakh'-ath); from [OT:7743](#); a pit (especially as a trap); figuratively, destruction:

KJV - corruption, destruction, ditch, grave, pit.

¹¹Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

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1 Peter 1

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

⁴ To an inheritance **incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven** for you,

⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready **to be revealed in the last time.**

Psalm 119

¹¹⁵ Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

¹¹⁶ Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and **let me not be ashamed of my hope.**

¹¹⁷ Hold thou me up, **and I shall be safe:** and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Psalm 30

² O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Healed – [OT:7495](#) רָפָא **rapha'** (raw-faw'); or **raphah** (raw-faw'); a primitive root; properly, to mend (by stitching), i.e. (figuratively) to cure:

KJV - cure, (cause to) heal, physician, repair, *thoroughly, make whole. See [OT:7503](#).

³ O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast **kept me alive**, that **I should not go down to the pit.**

Kept me alive – [OT:2421](#) חָיָה **chayah** (khaw-yaw'); a primitive root [compare [OT:2331](#), [OT:2421](#)]; to live, whether literally or figuratively; causatively, to revive: **KJV** - keep (leave, make) alive, *certainly, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive, (X God) save (alive, life, lives), *surely, be whole.

Pit – [OT:953](#) בֹּרַח **bowr** (bore); from [OT:952](#) (in the sense of [OT:877](#)); a pit hole (especially one used as a cistern or a prison):

KJV - cistern, dungeon, fountain, pit, well.

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Isaiah 14

¹⁵ Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, **to the sides of the pit.**

Ezekiel 31

¹⁶ I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that **descend into the pit:** and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

Psalm 18

⁴ The sorrows of **death compassed me**, and the **floods of ungodly** men made me afraid.

⁵ The **sorrows of hell compassed me about:** the snares of death prevented me.

Sorrows – [OT:2256](#) **חֶבֶל** **chebel** (kheh'-bel); or **chebel** (khay'-bel); from [OT:2254](#); a rope (as twisted), especially a measuring line; by implication, a district or inheritance (as measured); or a noose (as of cords); figuratively, a company (as if tied together); also a throe (especially of parturition); also ruin:

KJV - band, coast, company, cord, country, destruction, line, lot, pain, pang, portion, region, rope, snare, sorrow, tackling.

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Compassed – [OT:661](#) **אָפַף** **'aphaph** (aw-faf'); a primitive root; to surround: **KJV** - compass.

Prevented – [OT:6923](#) **קָדַם** **qadam** (kaw-dam'); a primitive root; to project (oneself), i.e. precede; hence, to anticipate, hasten, meet (usually for help):

KJV - come (go, [flee]) before, + disappoint, meet, prevent.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and **my cry came before him**, even into his ears.

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Witnesses of the Place of the saints in Hades:

Jonah 2

¹ Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

² And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; **out of the belly of hell cried I**, and thou heardest my voice.

Belly – [OT:4578](#) בֶּטֶן **me`ah** (may-aw'); from an unused root probably meaning to be soft; used only in plural the intestines, or (collectively) the abdomen, figuratively, sympathy; by implication, a vest; by extens. the stomach, the uterus (or of men, the seat of generation), the heart (figuratively):

KJV - belly, bowels, ^x heart, womb.

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Matthew 12

³⁸ Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

³⁹ But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

⁴⁰ For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Luke 11

²⁸ But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

²⁹ And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but **the sign of Jonas the prophet.**

³⁰ For as **Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.**

³ For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

⁴ Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

⁵ The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

⁶ I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

⁷ When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

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Witnesses of the Place of the saints in Hades: (cont)

Ephesians 4

¹ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

⁸ Wherefore he saith, **When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.**

⁹ **(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?**

¹⁰ **He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens,** that he might fill all things.)

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Psalm 68

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

¹⁸ Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

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Levels

2 Corinthians 12 ...Levels of Heaven

¹ It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

² I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

³ And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

⁴ How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Psalm 86 ...and Levels of Hell

¹² I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

¹³ For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast **delivered my soul from the lowest hell.**

Luke 16

¹⁸ Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

¹⁹ There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

²⁰ And there was a certain beggar named **Lazarus**, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

²¹ And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² And it came to pass, that **the beggar died**, and was **carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom**: the **rich man also died**, and was buried;

²³ And **in hell** he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham **afar off**, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

²⁶ And beside all this, between us and you **there [in Hades] is a great gulf fixed**: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Great – [NT:3173](#) μέγας **megas** (meg'-as); [including the prolonged forms, feminine megale, plural megaloi, etc.; compare also [NT:3176](#), [NT:3187](#)]; **big** (literally or figuratively, in a very wide application):

KJV - (+fear) exceedingly, great (-est), high, large, loud, mighty, + (be) sore (afraid), strong, ^x to years.

Gulf – [NT:5490](#) χάσμα **chasma** (khas'-mah); from a form of an obsolete prim chao (to "gape" or "yawn"); a "chasm" or vacancy (impassable interval): **KJV** - gulf.

Fixed – [NT:4741](#) στηρίζω **sterizo** (stay-rid'-zo); from a presumed derivative of [NT:2476](#) (like [NT:4731](#)); to **set fast**, i.e. (literally) to turn resolutely in a certain direction, or (figuratively) to confirm:

KJV - fix, (e-) **stablish**, stedfastly set, strengthen.

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Isaiah 14

⁸ Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

⁹ Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

¹⁰ All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

Revelation 20

¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Romans 1

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Psalm 119

⁴⁹ Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to [hope](#).

Hope - [OT:3176](#) יָחַל **yachal** (yaw-chal'); a primitive root; to wait; by implication, to be patient, hope:

KJV - (cause to, have, make to) hope, be pained, stay, tarry, trust, wait.

Jude 1:17

But, beloved, **remember** ye the **words** which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;