

Unit Two

What Do We Believe? What Do I Believe?

Lesson 12

Act Two: Life After Life

heart to Heart

Two Prayers of Hope
You gave a promise...
I entreat you.....

Here I Am, Lord...p. 37

In the resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgment of souls and bodies, in the kingdom of heaven and in the life eternal.

Ee harootyoon merelots, ee tadasdanun haveedeneets hokvots yev marmnots, harkayootyoonun yergneets yev ee gyansun haveedenaganus.

Ի յարութիւն մեռելոց, ի դատաստանն յաւիտենից հոգւոց եւ մարմնոց. յարքայութիւնն երկնից, եւ ի կեանսն յաւիտենականս:



Life Eternal

There are three prayer services in the Armenian Church for those who have died – a brief service at the “wake” where people pay their respects to the family and to the deceased; the funeral itself, at church; and the prayers at the graveside. In all three there are inspiring Bible readings, prayers and hymns that remind us of God’s promise to keep us with him eternally. The following prayer is from the wake service:



“And now, O benevolent and merciful Father, accept the soul of this your servant _____ who completed his exile on earth and received your rest from the worldly toils and illusive deceptions. Rank him among your saints in your heavenly kingdom from which pain and lamentations are excluded, and where your chosen ones rejoice in everlasting happiness, illuminated through your divine glory.”

This prayer contains many images about life on earth and life eternal. Write two questions you have about any of these images here. After discussion, write the answers to your questions:

1. _____

Answer: _____

2. _____

Answer: _____

Scenic Overlook

In the Armenian Church, the burial service at the graveside includes a beautiful set of prayers for the sealing of the four corners of the grave. As each corner is blessed, the priest prays for the safekeeping of the deceased's body until the Lord's return. The final prayer sums it up powerfully: "May the seal of the Lord remain unbroken on the tomb of this servant of God until the Second Coming of Christ, who will renew it in glory, to the glory of the Father and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."



The Kingdom of Heaven.....according to Matthew

How is the Kingdom of Heaven described in each of these verses?

Matthew 4:17

Matthew 7:21

Matthew 18:3-4

Matthew 13:
24-29

32

33

44

45

47-49



Do these refer to a kingdom that is now...or later?

The Kingdom of Heaven: A Poem

What comes to mind when you think of the "kingdom of heaven"?

Write a poem as follows:

Line 1 – "Kingdom"

Line 2 – two adjectives that describe line 1

Line 3 – three "ing" words that are related to the title

Line 4 – four nouns, the first two related to line 1, the last two related to line 7

Line 5 – three "ing" words related to line 7

Line 6 – two adjectives describing line 7

Line 7 – "Heaven"



Verse Master

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms..I am going there to prepare a place for you."

John 14:1-2

