



STATE OF THE DEAD

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A photograph of a cemetery at sunrise or sunset. The sky is a soft orange and yellow, fading into a pale blue. In the foreground, a low, mossy stone wall runs across the frame. Behind it, numerous tombstones of various shapes and sizes are scattered across a grassy field. The tombstones are dark and weathered, with some showing signs of moss or lichen. The background is hazy, with more trees and tombstones visible in the distance. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

CREATION

NATURE OF HUMANITY



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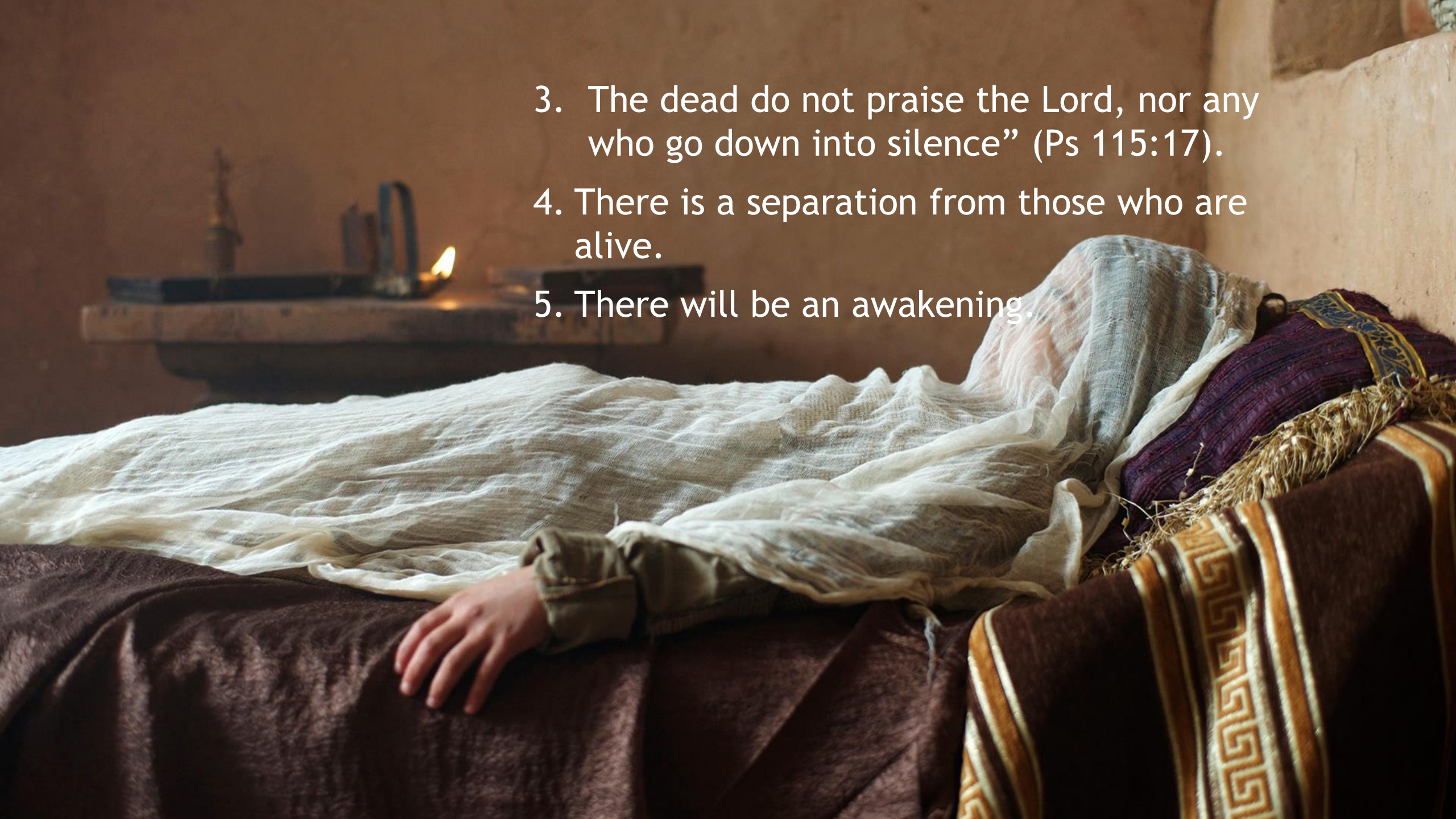


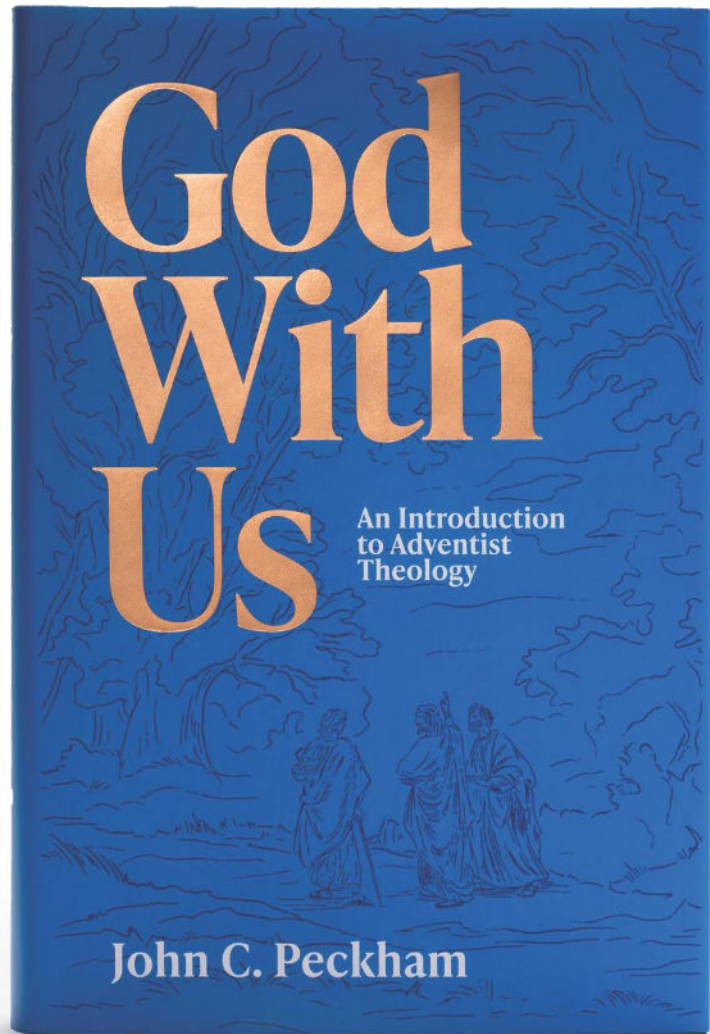
“He said to them, ‘make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.’” Matt. 9:24



1. There is no consciousness, awareness, or feeling of any kind.
2. There is no activity.

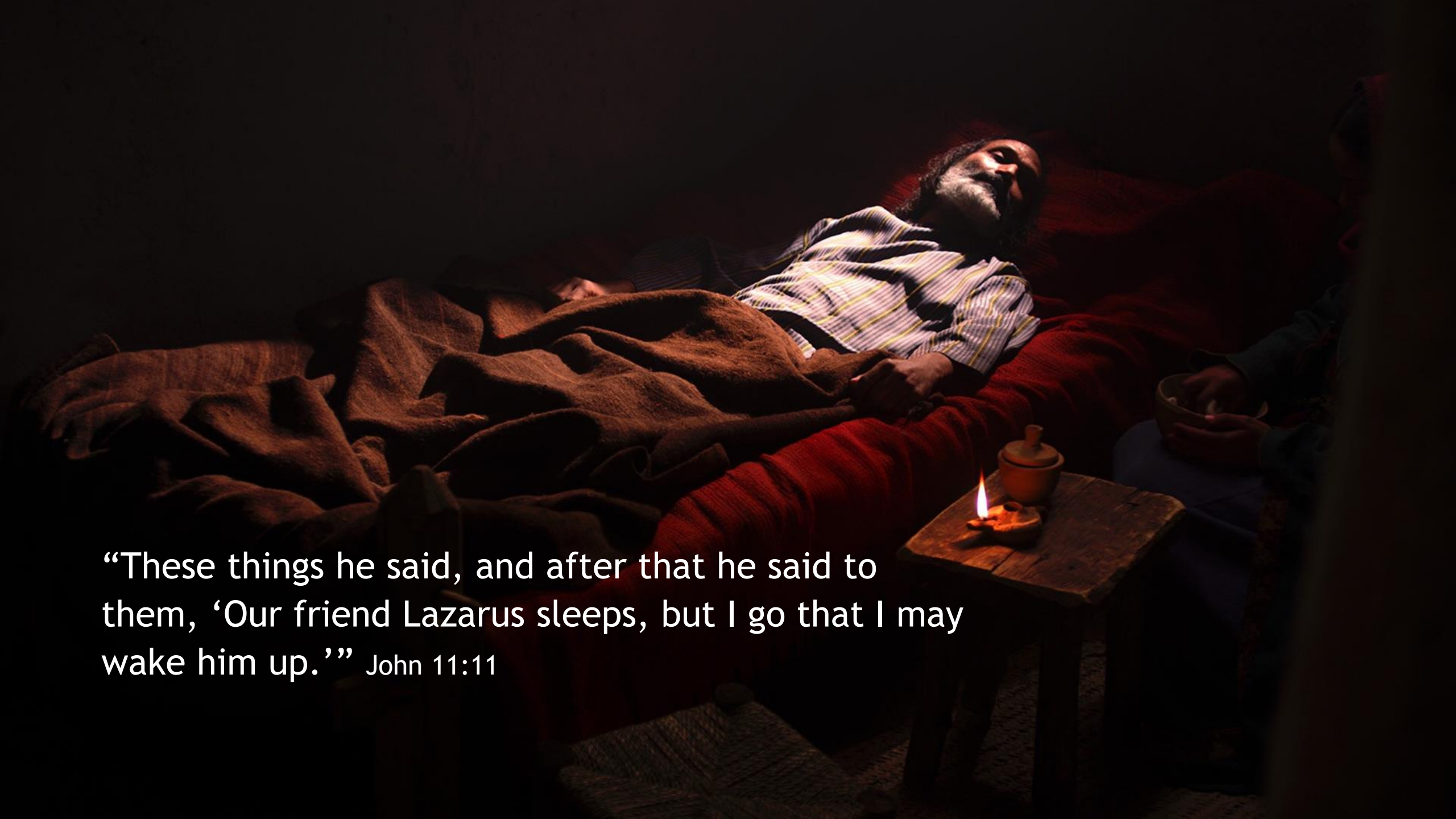


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- A photograph of a person lying in a tomb, covered by a white shroud. The person's right arm is extended, and their hand is visible. The shroud is draped over a dark brown cloth. In the background, a lit candle is visible on a shelf, casting a warm glow. The scene is set in a simple, earthen tomb.
3. The dead do not praise the Lord, nor any who go down into silence” (Ps 115:17).
 4. There is a separation from those who are alive.
 5. There will be an awakening.



“The fact that death is a sleep (an unconscious state) is good news, for it means saved persons who die are not aware of the struggles and suffering of loved ones here on earth. They are not consciously waiting for ages to reunite with loved ones. . . . Instead, they rest in perfect, unconscious peace (spared from awareness of this world’s ongoing evils), and the very next thing they know, they will see Jesus in the resurrection.”

—John Peckham



“These things he said, and after that he said to them, ‘Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.’” John 11:11

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” 1 Thess. 4:16-17




“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



“For this corruptible
must put on
incorruption, and this
mortal must put on
immortality. . . .
Then shall be brought
to pass the saying
that is written:



A close-up photograph of a person's hand, wearing a black suit sleeve with two visible buttons, resting on a dark, highly reflective surface. The hand is positioned horizontally, with fingers slightly curled. The surface reflects the hand and the background. In the background, there is a blurred bouquet of white flowers with green foliage, creating a soft, out-of-focus effect. The lighting is warm and directional, coming from the upper left, casting a gentle shadow and highlighting the textures of the suit and the skin.

“‘Death is swallowed
up in victory.’ ‘O Death
where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your
victory?’” 1 Cor. 15:51-55



“The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.” 1 Cor. 15:42-44



“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

“But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.” Rev. 20:6,5



TWO RESURRECTIONS

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.” John 5:28-29





“But according to his
promise we are waiting
for new heavens and a
new earth in which
righteousness dwells.”

2 Pet 3:13



“The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.”

The Great Controversy, p. 678



