

# Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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## NO ONE WILL REMEMBER HER

It is no secret that people fear death. But death cannot be avoided. Ecclesiastes 12:7 says, "The dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it." God has given each of us an eternal spirit, and all who believe in the Lord Jesus will live with Him eternally.

Recently an elderly woman in my neighborhood died. Many of her neighbors, including me, gathered and spoke with one another. As we were talking, one of this woman's relatives said, "I am sorry she has died and has no children to take care of her in death. My wife and I have already taken care of our own funeral arrangements. Most important, we have given a large sum of money to the synagogue to guarantee someone will say kaddish [prayer for the dead] when we die and light a yahrzeit lamp [memorial candle] each year on the anniversary of our deaths. But since this poor lady had no money and no children, no one will remember her."

I was saddened by this man's remarks and said, "It is possible this poor lady will someday be richer than you."

"How can that be?" he responded.

I told him, "If she had a proper relationship with God through His Son, she will be rich in eternity." I then related the account of the rich man and the beggar from Luke 16:19–23, highlighting verse 22: "The beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died

and was buried.”

Someone asked how I had come to this conclusion. I replied, “It is written in the Bible. King David did not fear what would happen to his body. Instead, he prayed, ‘do not take Your Holy Spirit from me’ [Ps. 51:11]. Psalm 23 was not written for the rich only, but for everyone who trusts in the Lord and ‘will dwell in the house of the LORD forever’ [v. 6].”

The man asked, “Do you never think about what will happen to you when you die?”

I answered, “My future is secure because I have received the Lord as my Savior, and in Him there is no death or darkness, only life and light.”

They did not understand what I meant. I asked if they had ever read the Bible, and the man replied, “It was impossible to read the Bible in Russia, and we cannot read Hebrew.”

I said, “But you have been in Israel for several years; surely by now you know Hebrew.”

He replied, “Oh yes, we can speak it, but we do not understand it well enough to read something as deep as the Bible.”

I took out my Bible and read in Hebrew John 14:19: “Because I live, you will live also”; Job 19:25: “I know my Redeemer lives, and he shall stand at last on the earth,” and Isaiah 26:19: “Your dead shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise.” I then translated these verses into Russian. They could not accept the concept of resurrection after death. Referring to the lady who had just died, the man said, “We have all seen her dead body. How can you say she will live again?”

I said, “It is written in Ezekiel 18:4, ‘The soul who sins shall die,’ but the

Lord has given us a free choice concerning our soul's destiny. If we ask Him to forgive our sins, He will grant our request and assure us of eternal life with Him. If we reject His love for us, we will die in our sins and spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, forever separated from God."

When we parted, they were no longer hurling accusations, but were friendly and thanked me for spending time with them. I pray God will water the seed sown and eventually grant the harvest of these souls to eternal life.