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"And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

Daniel 12:2 (ESV)

"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

1 Thessalonians 4:14 (ESV)

"...and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect..."

Hebrews 12:23 (ESV)

"I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better."

Philippians 1:23 (ESV)

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"...he enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness."

Isaiah 57:2 (ESV)

"And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God..."

Job 19:26 (ESV)