

tain amount of progress on some of them. Last time we looked at sheol and I learned then that you had already had considerable discussion of the word in class this year. And I'm not sure whether I would be interested in taking up that word or not, I didn't realize that you had studied this in another class, but there are certain aspects of it that I think are very much worth our looking into. Did I make a specific suggestion for you in regard to sheol at the end of the hour? It was my impression that I did. The question to my mind is, does sheol ever mean grave?

It is often said that sheol means grave. I think that's a rather important question. Does sheol ever mean grave? We know that last time that no one here was able to give any instance of a case where it speaks of a man buying a sheol. It is quite evident I think that sheol is not mentioned for a particular grave. Well, of course, our English word grave is the Hebrew word graben (? - 1-3/4) today. It means a place ... (2).. and it means of course a place that comes from the grave, not just a place dug like a pit might be, but a place that is dug for the specific purpose of putting a body there. Now when men speak of going to sheol do they mean going to a place that is dug for the purpose of putting a body there? Is there any evidence that anybody ever meant that when they said sheol? And if not, why should grave be thought of as an equivalent of sheol? You'll hear that said, sheol is a word for grave. Now that's what our English word grave is - it is a hole dug in the earth to put a body in. Now did sheol ever mean that? a hole dug in the earth to put a body in? Did the Hebrews mean that by it a condition wherein the body is subject to decomposition. Did they mean a condition rather than a place? A condition of the body? Or did they mean by sheol simply the condition of being - having the soul separate from the body. Is that what they meant by sheol? Does it mean a disembodied condition? You see the difference. If you say that sheol means the place where the body is kept you're thinking now of the fate of the body.