



The State of the Dead

THE TRUTH

Exposing a Great Deception

The teaching that we all have a soul that lives on after we die, is held by most churches in the world today, is popularised by movies and even believed by many people who don't hold to any particular faith. And yet it is not only a false teaching, it is a very dangerous one that will be used to deceive the world during the end times just ahead of us.

In this little tract you will see the truth regarding the state of the dead.
A truth that will guard you from great deception that is coming!



The creation account in the book of Genesis gives us a clear and amazing truth regarding this subject:

Genesis 2:7

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man **became** a living soul."

So to begin with, can you see that man wasn't "given" a soul? Man "**became**" a living soul when two things came together - a body made from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. So ...

Body from Dust + Breath of God = LIVING SOUL

Think about this! To be a "living soul" you need TWO components. A body formed from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Without either one of these two components, you CANNOT have a living soul. A soul can only live and exist with BOTH of these components together. Do you see this? Let's reverse the process:

Remove the breath of God and what is left? A body that returns to dust!

Genesis 3:19 ...'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till **thou return unto the ground**; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and **unto dust shalt thou return.**'

Knowing the truth that our 'soul' is simply our mind, thoughts, our very living being while we are alive, and understanding the creation of man in the correct way, we will then see that our 'soul' cannot live apart from a body. A 'soul' needs an actual body and brain to inhabit, to live. Which is why Adam BECAME a 'LIVING soul' with a body and the spirit of life in him. You cannot have one without the other.

It was the devil who originated the lie that man would live forever, when he said to Eve ... "Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). But God already revealed the truth in the creation account that a "soul" needs an actual body to inhabit and is simply our living state. God also confirmed in Genesis 3:22-23 that the only way man can live forever is to eat from the tree of life. Without this brings death.

1 Timothy 6:15-16 ...'Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
Who only hath immortality.'

— GOD ALONE HAS IMMORTALITY —

Now take careful note of what Jesus said:

John 14:1-3 ...'Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**'

This is the blessed hope of the gospel message - the return of Jesus Christ to take His people to heaven. But why give this hope of Jesus' return if we already go to heaven when we die? Why would Jesus say ... *"I will come again to receive you unto myself, **so that you may be where I am**"* if we are already in heaven with Jesus? Do you see?

This shows that we must be in our graves awaiting the return of Christ and the resurrection, NOT already in heaven, just as the Bible says:

Daniel 12:2 ...'And many of them that **sleep in the dust of the earth** shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.'

Isaiah 26:19 ...'Thy dead men **shall live**, together with my dead body **shall they arise**. Awake and sing, **ye that dwell in dust**: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.'

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 ...'Behold, I shew 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 trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised** incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and **this mortal must put on immortality.**'

Job 14:10-12 ...'But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and **WHERE IS HE?** As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: **So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more**, they shall not awake, **nor be raised out of their sleep.**'

Do you see? When we die, we "sleep" in the grave UNTIL the second coming of Jesus, which will be when *"the heavens be no more."* There is no separate "soul" that floats off to heaven to continue living. We **sleep** until the resurrection at the second coming of Christ.

Now if we did go to heaven at death, then we would be able to praise and worship God right? Well, look at what the Bible says about this ...

Psalms 115:17 ...'The dead **praise NOT** the Lord, neither any that go **down into silence.**'

Ecclesiastes 9:5,10 ...'For the living know that they shall die: but the **dead know not any thing**, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten ... Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, **nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.**'

Isaiah 38:18-19 ...'For the grave **cannot praise thee**, death **can not celebrate thee**: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, **the living, he shall praise thee**, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.'

Psalms 150:6 ..."Let every thing that **hath breath praise the LORD**.
Praise ye the LORD.'

Do you see? Only the LIVING can praise God, those that have breath in their bodies. Those who have died, CANNOT praise God, which again shows that we do not go to heaven at death. We "sleep" in the grave, awaiting the resurrection by Christ at His return.

But why is this important to know? What's the big deal? This is very important to know, because Satan and his evil angels can impersonate people who have died. Angels are "spirits" (Hebrews 1:14) and will impersonate loved ones who have died with so called "messages from heaven." But those messages will be LIES to deceive the world.

"Those who would stand in this time of peril must understand the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the nature of man and the state of the dead; for in the near future many will be confronted by the spirits of devils personating beloved relatives or friends, and declaring the most dangerous heresies. These visitants will appeal to our tenderest sympathies, and will work miracles to sustain their pretensions. We must be prepared to withstand them with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything, and that they who thus appear are the spirits of devils." (The Great Controversy, 1884)

It may be a "nice" thing to think that loved ones have gone to heaven. But it is NOT the truth. And Satan is going to use this lie to deceive. So we must stick to a "thus saith the LORD," rather than our feelings. If someone who had already died appeared to us, we must stick to God's Word and say to them "depart from me evil spirit! My loved one is in the grave awaiting the resurrection."

Great deceptions are coming. So we MUST stick to the truth of God's Word to not be deceived.