

# 2ND ADVENT REVIVAL MINISTRY

## The State of the Dead

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In what way does the Bible and Jesus describe death? Read in **(1 Thessalonians 4:13; 1 Corinthians 15:18,20; John 11:11-14)**. The Bible teaches that death is like an unconscious sleep that lasts until the resurrection. Bible writers declare death a sleep more than 50 times. At creation, man *became* a living soul. He did not *receive* one. Read in **(Genesis 2:7)**. Body+Breath=Living Soul. At death, man reverts back to dust and his breath returns to God. Read in **(Ecclesiastes 12:7)**. Body-Breath=Death  
Note: the word spirit here in the Hebrew is ro'akh. It means wind, breath or exhalation. The Bible equates spirit and breath as being the same.

Read in **(Job 27:3)**. God alone has immortality. Read in **(1 Timothy 6:15-16)**. How do we receive immortality. Read in **(John 3:16)**. Note: Only those who believe receive immortality. Man does not naturally possess immortality.

The soul that sinneth it shall die. Read in **(Ezekiel 18:4)**. The Bible writers use the word soul 1600 times, but never once use soul and immortal together. One of the first lies ever spoken was from the serpent to Eve in the Garden of Eden, "Thou

shall not surely die." Read in **(Genesis 3:4)**.

When do those who have accepted Jesus receive immortality? Read in **(1 Corinthians 15:51-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**. We receive our immortality at the second coming of Jesus at the last trump. Righteous David is not in heaven. Read in **(Acts 2:29)**. The dead praise not the Lord. Read in **(Psalm 115:17)**. There is no consciousness in death. Read in **(Psalm 146:3-4; Job 14:21; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6,10)**. The dead or those who have fallen asleep are not aware of anything and have no part in earthly matters. "The dead know **nothing**", as Ecclesiastes 9:5 says. Hence, a spirit claiming to be a spirit of any dead person, must be a spirit of Satan trying to deceive. Read in **(Revelation 16:14)**.

Some will depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits. Read in **(1 Timothy 4:1)**. Satan deceives by transforming himself into an angel of light. Read in **(2 Corinthians 11:14-15)**. If the devil can transform himself into an angel of light, he can very easily impersonate the dead. This is why God in ancient times forbade His people from having communication with the dead. Read in **(Leviticus 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:10-11)**. Because Satan's deceptions will be very cunning, our only safe course is to trust the Bible and follow what it says. Read in **(Isaiah 8:19-20)**. Remember to take up the whole armor of God to stand against the deceptions of the devil. Read in **(Eph. 6:10-13)**. Amen and Amen



## In what way does the Bible and Jesus describe death?

**(1 Thessalonians 4:13)** But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

**(1 Corinthians 15:18, 20)** Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. (20) But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**(John 11:11-14)** These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." (12) then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." (13) However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. (14) Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead".

## Body + breath = living soul

**(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 being.

## Body - breath = death

**(Ecclesiastes 12:7)** Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

## The Bible equates spirit and breath as being the same. God alone has immortality.

**(Job 27:3)** As long as my breath is in me, and the breath of God in my nostrils.

**(1 Timothy 6:15-16)** Which He will manifest in His own time, He who is blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, (16) who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

**(John 3:16)** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

## The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

**(Ezekiel 18:4)** Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.

## The first lie ever shown in Scripture was Satan saying to Eve that she would not die.

**(Genesis 3:4)** Then the serpent (Satan) said to the woman, "You shall not surely die."

## When do those who have accepted Jesus receive immortality?

**(1 Corinthians 15:51-54)** Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) 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. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (54) So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

**(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)** But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. (16) 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. (17) 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. (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## We receive our immortality at the second coming of Christ.

**(Acts 2:29)** Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

**(Psalm 115:17)** The dead do not praise the Lord, nor any who go down into silence.

**(Psalm 146:3-4)** Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. (4) His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.

**(Job 14:21)** His sons come to honor, and he does not know it; they are brought low, and he does not perceive it.

**(Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10)** For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. (6) Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; nevermore will they have a share in anything done under the sun. (10) Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

## Some will depart from the faith giving heed to seducing demonic spirits.

**(Revelation 16:14)** For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

**(1 Timothy 4:1)** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.

## Satan deceives by transforming himself into an angel of light.

**(2 Corinthians 11:14-15)** And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. (15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

## If Satan can transform himself into an angel of light, he can easily impersonate the dead.

**(Leviticus 20:6, 27)** And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. (27) A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.

**(Deuteronomy 18:10-11)** There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, (11) or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

## Satan's deceptions will be very cunning. We need to trust the Bible and put on the full armor of God.

**(Isaiah 8:19-20)** And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? (20) To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

**(Ephesians 6:10-13)** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.