

22. Who will not be found among God's people? **Deuteronomy 18:10, 11.**
23. All that do those things are what? **Deuteronomy 18:12.**
24. How did the Apostle Paul address a sorcerer? **Acts 13:10.**
25. Can a person have fellowship with the Lord and with devils? **1 Corinthians 10:21.**
26. In light of the prevailing wicked influences around us, what does God instruct His people to do? **2 Corinthians 6:17.**

Christians will have nothing to do with magic, fortune telling, horoscopes or séances; or games, books, movies or toys containing elements of witchcraft or spiritualism.

Considering God's Sure Word...

Do you understand that a soul is a living breathing body, whether man or beast, and that one's spirit is the life-giving breath from God?

Do you understand that the soul dies when the breath ceases, and that the dead cannot communicate?

THE SURE WORD

Bible Course



Lesson Twelve: The First Great Deception

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1. What was the penalty for disobedience that God explained to Adam and Eve? **Genesis 2:16, 17.**

2. What was the first great deception on earth? **Genesis 3:4.**

The first great deception that Satan insinuated on earth was that man would not die. It is from this great lie that the pagan teaching of "life after death" or "reincarnation" stemmed. This doctrine has also found its way into the Christian churches of the world in a more deceptive, yet equally destructive, manner.

3. How does the Bible use the word "soul"? **Exodus 1:5.**

"And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls." **Acts 27:37.**

4. How did God create man and what did man become? **Genesis 2:7.**

DUST + BREATH = SOUL

The Biblical definition of a soul is simply a breathing body. Notice that the text does not say that man was given a soul, but rather he became a soul. A soul is not something a person has, it is the person. Souls have blood (**Jeremiah 2:34**).

Not only are people souls, but so are fish and animals (**Revelation 16:3**). The Hebrew word for soul, nephesh, is variously translated "person" (**Genesis 14:21**), "self" (**Leviticus 11:43**), "life" (**Psalms 31:13**), "me" (**Judges 16:30**), "creature" (**Genesis 1:21**), "beast" (**Leviticus 24:18**), "man" (**2 Kings 12:4**), "thing" (**Ezekiel 47:9**), and "fish" (**Isaiah 19:10**). When translated "body" the nephesh is usually dead (**Leviticus 21:11**).

The Greek word for soul, psuche, has the same meaning. In **Matthew 16:25** Jesus commends anyone who will lose his soul (psuche) for Christ's sake. It is often translated simply as "life" (**Matthew 2:20**). It means "person" (**Acts 7:14**). "My soul" and "your soul" are idiomatic expressions meaning "I" and "you" (**Matthew 12:18; 2 Corinthians 12:15, margin**).

5. How are the steps God used in creating a soul reversed at death? **Psalms 104:29.**

SOUL - BREATH = DUST

"If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust." **Job 34:14, 15.**

6. Can a soul die? **Ezekiel 18:20.**

7. When a person dies, what is left? **Genesis 3:19.**

8. What returns back to God at death? **Ecclesiastes 12:7.**

9. Where is this spirit located in a person? **Job 27:3.**

10. What is it that is found in a person's nostrils? **Genesis 7:22; Isaiah 2:22.**

The Hebrew word for spirit (and ghost, **Job 3:11**), ruach, and the Greek word, pneuma, mean breath, wind, or vital element. It is the spark of life which makes you able to live. It is "the breath of the Almighty" (**Job 33:4**). When the Bible uses those words regarding man, not once does it say that ruach or pneuma is something in man that retains consciousness after the person dies.

Angels are called spirits (**Psalms 104:4**) because to human eyes they are as invisible as breath. However, man does not possess the nature of angels (**Psalms 8:5**), nor does the Bible indicate that he assumes it at death.

11. What leaves a man when he dies? **Psalms 146:4.**

12. Is a person's breath any different from that of a beast's? **Ecclesiastes 3:19.**

13. Is there any difference between a dead man and a dead beast? **Ecclesiastes 3:20.**

A soul is like the light that results when a light bulb is connected to a power source. The spirit, or breath of life, is the electric current. Electricity will produce light only while it is flowing through the bulb. When the filament in the bulb breaks, the electrical circuit is broken, and the light goes out. Just as the light cannot exist unless there is both electricity and a bulb, so there must be both the breath of life and a functional body in order for there to be a living soul.

14. After a person dies, can he return and appear to anyone? **Job 7:8-10, Job 16:22.**

15. In the last days what will people begin to listen to? **1 Timothy 4:1.**

16. What type of spirits will appear, working miracles? **Revelation 16:14.**

17. In the garden of Eden, what did Satan disguise himself as? **Genesis 3:1.**

18. What else can Satan transform himself into? **2 Corinthians 11:14.**

19. What can the Devil's demons appear as? **2 Corinthians 11:15.**

20. How can we test people who claim spiritual insight?? **Isaiah 8:20.**

21. Instead of trying to contact the dead, going to mediums and wizards, whom should God's people seek for truth? **Isaiah 8:19.**