

CAN THE DEAD COMMUNICATE?

Ecclesiastes 9:5,6 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. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; *neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.*

Ecclesiastes 9:10 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.

Psalms 115:17 *The dead praise not the LORD*, neither any that go down into *silence*.

Psalms 146:4 His breath goeth forth, *he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish*.

The Bible is very clear. The dead can't communicate with the living. They are silent and inactive.

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And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13



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WHAT IS A 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 soul.

Job 27:3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

A living soul is the physical body (dust of the ground) plus the breath of life. The two combined make a living soul. **James 2:26**

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

When someone dies, their body decays and returns to the earth. The breath of life returns to God. They are no longer a living soul.

Ecclesiastes 3:20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

Job 17:13 If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

Everyone who dies goes to one place. That place is their grave and nowhere else.

THE DEAD ARE HERE

John 5:28-29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which *all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth*; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Acts 2:29,34 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of *the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. For David is not ascended into the heavens*: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Jesus taught that at His Second Advent, the dead in Christ will hear His voice and rise out of their graves. David, a righteous man, did not directly go to Heaven when he died. He is still in his grave today.



HEAVEN OR HELL?

Matthew 18:7-9 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Are Sodom and Gomorrha still burning? The answer is a resounding no! Eternal and everlasting don't always mean forever (1Chron 28:4, 1Kings 2:11) When people die, they don't go directly to Heaven, and they don't go to a place called Hell. The dead "sleep" in their graves. The righteous dead receive immortality at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. The wicked dead will be resurrected without immortality and be finally destroyed along with Satan and his angels at the end of the world. The wicked die the second death and experience the pains of hell fire.