

DO WE NATURALLY POSSESS IMMORTALITY? **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT LIFE** **AFTER DEATH?**

ONLY GOD IS IMMORTAL: -

1ST Timothy 1:17: - “Now unto **the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God**, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

1ST Timothy 6:14 - 16: - “That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall show, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, **the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality**, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.”

GOD WARNED ADAM THAT IF HE DISOBEYED HIS EXPRESS **COMMAND, HE WOULD DIE: -**

Genesis 2:16 & 17: - “**And the LORD God commanded the man**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**”

OUR FIRST PARENTS DISOBEYED GOD’S COMMAND AND LISTENED TO **THE SERPENT’S LIE: -**

Genesis 3:1 - 6: - “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. **And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make

one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

THE SERPENT IS SATAN WHO IS THE FATHER OF LIES: -

Revelation 12:9: - “And the great dragon was cast out, **that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

John 8:44: - “Ye are of *your* father **the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, **and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**”

☞ The Serpent was the one who promised Eve that she would not die if she disobeyed God’s express Command. Satan preached the first false sermon ever made on the natural immortality of the soul.

GOD PRONOUNCED THE SENTENCE OF DEATH AND CORRUPTION UPON OUR FIRST PARENTS: -

Genesis 3:17 - 19: - “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 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.**”

GOD DENIED FALLEN HUMANITY ACCESS TO EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE – HENCE WE CANNOT LIVE FOREVER: -

Genesis 3:22 - 24: - “**And the LORD God said**, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, **lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:** Therefore **the LORD God** sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. **So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.**”

WE ARE ALL MORTAL AND SUBJECT TO DEATH: -

Job 4:17: - “Shall **mortal man** be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?”

Psalms 22:29: - “All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: **and none can keep alive his own soul.**”

Psalms 49:7-9: - “None of *them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) **That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.**”

Romans 2:7: - “To them who by patient continuance in well doing **seek for** glory and honour **and immortality, eternal life.**”

Romans 5:12: - “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; **and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.**”

Hebrews 9:27: - “**And as it is appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment.”

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT DEATH IS A STATE OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS WITH THE DEAD KNOWING NOTHING AT ALL: -

Job 7:21: - “And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? **for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.**”

Job 14:12 - 14: - “**So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.** O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! **If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.**”

Job 17:13 - 16: - “**If I wait, the grave is mine house:** I have made my bed in the darkness. I have said to corruption, Thou *art* my father: to the worm, *Thou art* my

mother, and my sister. And where *is* now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? **They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* rest together *is* in the dust.**"

Psalm 6:5: - "For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?"

Psalm 115:17: - "The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence."

Psalm 146:3 & 4: - "Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help. **His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.**"

Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6 & 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. **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.** ... 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."

THE BIBLE DESCRIBES DEATH AS BEING A STATE OF SLEEP: -

The Psalmist has likened death to a state of sleep.

Psalm 13:3: - "Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, **lest I sleep the sleep of death.**"

The prophet Daniel records the fact that the dead sleep in the dust of the earth, from which state they will be awakened to receive their eternal rewards.

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."

The Lord himself told Moses that he was to sleep with his fathers.

Deuteronomy 31:16: - "**And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers**; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go *to be* among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them."

The Lord, through his prophet Nathan, predicted that when king David had fulfilled his days, he would sleep with his fathers.

2nd Samuel 7:12: - **“And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.”**

King David did die and slept with his fathers.

1st Kings 2:10: - **“So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.”**

The apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost hundreds of years after David's death, preached that he was still dead and buried, and had not ascended to heaven. Acts 2:29 & 34 & 35: - **“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, until I make thy foes thy footstool.”**

Jesus is recorded as describing two dead people who He later brought back to life, as being asleep. Jairus' daughter and Lazarus are both described by Jesus as being asleep, while they were dead.

Luke 8:49 - 56: - **“While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, **Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.** And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. **And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway:** and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.”**

John 11:11 - 14: - **“These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. **Howbeit Jesus spake of his death:** but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. **Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.**”**

The faithful deacon Stephen who was the first recorded Christian martyr was stoned to death, the Book of Acts records the simple truth that he fell asleep.

Acts 7:59 & 60: - **“And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. **And when he had said this, he fell asleep.**”**



This Biblical truth is reinforced by the following clear teaching of the Scriptures: -

THE DEAD ARE STILL DEAD: -

The Bible teaches that people who had previously died, are still described as being dead years after they have died.

The Lord himself told Moses at the end of his 40 year exile from Egypt, while he was in the land of Midian, that all the men who had previously sought his life 40 years previously **are dead**.

Exodus 4:19: - "And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: **for all the men are dead which sought thy life.**"

The heavenly angel told Joseph to return to the land of Israel from the land of Egypt, because those who sought to kill the infant Jesus **are dead**.

Matthew 2:19 & 20: - "**But when Herod was dead**, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: **for they are dead which sought the young child's life.**"

Jesus described the Hebrews who ate of the heavenly manna during their wilderness wanderings, were dead during the time of his earthly ministry.

John 6:49: - "**Your fathers** did eat manna in the wilderness, **and are dead.**"

John 6:58: - "This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as **your fathers** did eat manna, **and are dead**: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever"

Jesus in describing his dead, buried and decomposing follower Lazarus, told His disciples that Lazarus **IS** dead.

John 11:14: - "Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.**"

The apostle Paul wrote thousands of years after the death of righteous Abel, that he was **still dead** when he wrote the great "FAITH CHAPTER" in Hebrews 11.

Hebrews 11:4: - "By faith **Abel** offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it **he being dead** yet speaketh."

ETERNAL LIFE AND IMMORTALITY IS TO BE FOUND ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST: -

The hope of the resurrection from the grave and of eternal life is founded upon Jesus Christ being the Resurrection and the Life.

John 11:25 & 26: - "Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

John 1:1 - 4: - "**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life;** and the life was the light of men."

John 14:6: - "Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life:** no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Colossians 3:4: - "When **Christ, who is our life,** shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

1st John 5:11: - "And this is the record, **that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**"

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is crucial to the message of the Christian gospel. Without it, our Christian faith is in vain.

1st Corinthians 15:12 - 17: - "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: **And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**"

The resurrected Christ is the first fruits of those who sleep [that is, who are dead] in Him. They will be raised up at His second coming.

1st Corinthians 15:20 - 23: - "But now is **Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.** For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made

alive. But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**"

Jesus will raise up the dead who believe in him at the last day.

John 6:39 & 40: - "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, **but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**"

1st Corinthians 15:50 - 55: - "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **Behold, I show 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.** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?"

1st Thessalonians 4:13 - 18: - "**But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent¹ them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE CLAIMS OF SPIRITUALISM: -

¹ The old English definition of the word "**PREVENT**" is "To go before; to precede." – Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary. That is, Paul is teaching that the living saints shall not precede the sleeping saints, to be with the Lord in heaven.

If you believe in the **original LIE** of Satan that he spoke to our first parents Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, that you will not die but live on as “gods”, you have been deceived by the first Great Deception. An acceptance of this **LIE**, prepares the way for a person to accept the deceptive wiles of Spiritualism, which teaches that we are all inherently immortal, and can live on in the **supposed** “spirit world” as a disembodied spirit after death, and can communicate with the living. This belief although popular, is completely contrary to the clear Biblical truth that we have outlined in this little tract, that the dead know not anything.

The Bible writers have stated it clearly, that the dead do **NOT** come back and visit the living.

2nd Samuel 12:22 & 23: - “And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? **But now he is dead**, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? **I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.**”

Job 7:9 & 10: - “As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so **he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house,** neither shall his place know him any more.”

Job 10:20 - 22: - “Are not my days few? cease *then*, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, **before I go whence I shall not return,** *even* **to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;** A land of darkness, as darkness *itself*; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.”

Job 16:22: - “When a few years are come, **then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.**”

As the Bible plainly teaches that the dead know not anything and are in a state of unconscious sleep, from which they cannot return to this world, it warns us in the plainest possible terms against attempting to contact the dead through the means of Spiritualism or Occult mediums or séances. These practices are absolutely forbidden in the Scriptures without a shadow of doubt.

Leviticus 19:31: - “**Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them:** I *am* the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 20:6: - “**And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul,** and will cut him off from among his people.”

Deuteronomy 18:9 - 12: - "When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the **abominations** of those nations. There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, **or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer**². **For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD:** and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

WE HAVE THE WARNING EXAMPLE OF KING SAUL'S FATE: -

1ST Samuel 28:3 - 19: - "**Now Samuel was dead,** and all Israel had lamented him, and **buried him in Ramah**, even in his own city. **And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.** And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul inquired of the LORD, **the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.** Then said Saul unto his servants, **Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her.** And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that **hath a familiar spirit** at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by **the familiar spirit**, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, **how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land:** wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And **Saul perceived** that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted

² The old English definition of the word "NECROMANCER" is listed below.

"NECROMANCER, n. [See Necromancy.] One who pretends to foretell future events by holding converse with departed spirits; a conjurer." – Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary.

me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and **God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams:** therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, **seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?** And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David: Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”

1st Chronicles 10:13 & 14: - “So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, *even* against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking *counsel* of *one that had* a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; **and inquired not of the LORD:** therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.”

THE SPIRITS OF DEVILS WILL BE ACTIVE IN THE LAST DAYS: -

Matthew 24:23 – 27: - “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; **believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.** Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; **go not forth:** behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; **believe it not.** For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

2nd Corinthians 11:13 & 14: - “For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**”

2nd Thessalonians 2:9 -12: - “*Even him*, whose coming **is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish;** because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God **shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

1st Timothy 4:1: - “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, **that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.**”

Revelation 13:13 & 14: - “And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

Revelation 16:13 & 14: - And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. **For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world**, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”

OUR ONLY PROTECTION AGAINST THESE LAST DAY DECEPTIONS: -

Isaiah 8:19 & 20: - “And when they shall say unto you, **Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**”

DO NOT BE DECEIVED – THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE! THE BIBLE IS TOTALLY CLEAR. HUMANITY IS NOT IMMORTAL. TO BELIEVE THAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE IMMORTAL IS TO BELIEVE THE FIRST LIE OF GENESIS 3!

☞ **Eternal Life and Immortality is ONLY found through faith in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – the Divine Life Giver, when the Last Trump is sounded, at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.**

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