

BEWARE OF DECEPTION

Many believe our loved ones watch over us from heaven.

But the Bible warns us about spiritualism and false teaching; for Satan will come to us disguising to be our beloved dead friends and relatives, telling that the seventh-day Sabbath has been changed to Sunday and other unscriptural doctrines.



People often pray to their dead loved ones, believing they are in heaven or, even worse, in purgatory.

Could this be a deception?

THE FINAL HOPE



The truth is simple:

- ✓ The dead are asleep.
- ✓ They know nothing.
- ✓ They await the resurrection.

Our hope is not in going to heaven immediately, but in the soon return of Jesus Christ!

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout... and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16

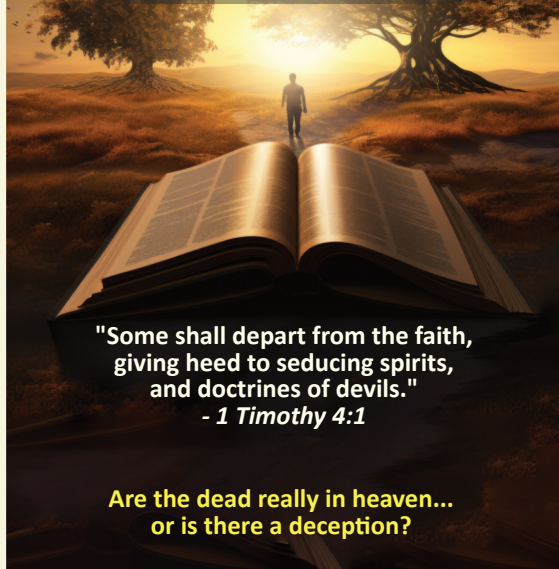


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Obey God. Reject deception.**

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IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

*Where do we go
when we die?*



"Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

- 1 Timothy 4:1

**Are the dead really in heaven...
or is there a deception?**

WHAT IS DEATH?



The Bible describes death as sleep.

Psalm 13:3

*"Consider and hear me,
O LORD my God... lest I sleep the sleep of death"*

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

DO THE DEAD DO ANYTHING?

No. The Bible is very clear.

- ✘ No waking - *Job 14:12*
- ✘ No praise - *Psalm 115:17*
- ✘ No memory - *Psalm 6:3-5*
- ✘ No thoughts - *Psalm 6:5*
- ✘ Know nothing - *Ecclesiastes 9:5-6*

The dead are asleep, waiting for resurrection.

LUKE 23:43 EXPLAINED



The enemy confuses the people on misplaced punctuation.

Luke 23:43

"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou with me in paradise."

Many years after the KJV was written, punctuation was added without inspiration to the Bible. Having the comma placed **BEFORE** the word **"To day"** suggests the thief went to Heaven that day, which is not true. That fact is; after Jesus arose, He told Mary three days later that He *"had not yet ascended"* to Heaven proving the comma was misplaced in Luke 23:43.

DID JESUS GO TO HEAVEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER DEATH?

No. Even after His resurrection, Jesus had **not** yet ascended.

"Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father."
John 20:17

WHO HAS GONE TO HEAVEN BODILY?

- Jesus - *Mark 16:19*
- Elijah - *2 Kings 2:11*
- Enoch - *Genesis 5:24*
- Moses - *Jude 1:9*

Jesus appeared to His disciples in a real body. (*Luke 24:36-39*)

He never saw corruption. (*Acts 2:30-32*)

IS KING DAVID IN HEAVEN?

No. *"David... is both dead and buried... For David is not ascended"* - *Acts 2:29, 34*

Note: Acts was written after Jesus' death and resurrection

WHEN DO THE DEAD AWAKEN?

"The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice."
- *John 5:28-29*

The righteous will rise at Christ's Second Coming.
1 Corinthians 15:20-23

CONCLUSION: The dead do not know and cannot do anything. They are asleep, waiting for the resurrection!

Let us hold fast the blessed hope -- the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ!

