

## L.10 - Spiritualism Exposed - Monday: Death In The Old Testament

1. Easy to look BACK and try to create confusion where there was clarity.
  
2. What would OT be like IF the soul WAS immortal?
  - a. **Genesis 2:17** would say *“of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall NOT surely die.”*
  - b. Prayers to the dead – not one
  - c. Prayers FOR the dead to have a good existence in the after-life – none of those
  - d. God’s people instructed to erect great monuments for the dead preserving things to use in the afterlife. None.
  - e. A belief in second chances to choose right AFTER DEATH – instead, you find THIS:
    - **Ecclesiastes 9:10** – *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.*
  - f. Instructions for seances or communication rituals with the dead – Any of those? NO, EXACTLY the opposite!
    - **Leviticus 19:31 (NIV)** – *Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.*
  - g. Statements of joining your ancestors in a new realm (“being with grandpa soon”) –
    - INSTEAD, repeatedly, “he RESTED with his ancestor,s” NOT “he JOINED his ancestors in the realm above”
    - REST = no labor / completely inactive
    - Examples: David, Solomon, Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Abijam, Asa, Baasha, Omri, Ahab, Jehoshaphat, Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz, Joash, Jehoash, Azariah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Jehoiakim, Uzziah (22x)
  
3. The FIRST DEATH – When Cain killed Abel in Genesis 4
  - Listen to what God says AND doesn’t say.
  - **Genesis 4:10-11** – *“The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.*
  - This reiterates what God had said to Adam and Eve in **Genesis 3:19** – *In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.* – No statement of living in another realm.
  - a. SECOND (recorded) DEATH – 6 generations from Adam
    - **Genesis 4:23** – Lamech: *“For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me.”* – NOT “I killed HIS BODY” OR “I wounded him better than he wounded me – sent him off to the next realm.”
  - b. The genealogy of Seth in Genesis 5
    - Eight times we read “AND HE DIED”
    - Only Enoch does not die, because God took Him
    - The righteous who died are NOT the ones who are with God.
  - c. **Gen 15:15** – God predicts Abram’s death
    - *“Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.”*

- No promise of You will join me in a separate place and watch the game from my special box-seats
  - In the next verse, God predicts what will happen in the generations AFTER Abram – but HIS interactions will be done.
- d. In **Genesis 23**, Sarah dies
- God said He knew Abraham as a friend, and that He would teach his family after him (**Genesis 18:19**).
  - IF Abraham had been taught by God that there was an immortal soul that entered a NEW BETTER STATE, wouldn't he have taught his children (or the people of Canaan) about it?
- e. **Deuteronomy 31:16** – Moses hears from God about his coming death
- No indication from either Moses or God that Moses will be continuing his life in another realm.
  - *“And the LORD said to Moses: “Behold, you will rest with your fathers....”*
- f. We've seen it in the Books of Moses. And we find the same thing in the Psalms.
- **Psalm 17:15** – *As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.*
  - **Psalm 13:3** – *Enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;*
- g. We find it in the the Prophets
- **Isaiah 26:19** – *Your dead **shall** [NOT “do”] live; together with my dead body they **shall** arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth **shall** cast out the dead.*
  - **Daniel 12:2** – *And many of those who **sleep** in the dust of the earth **shall** awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.*
- h. We find it in THE SANCTUARY – a whole unified system of truth
- Leviticus 23 commands the observance of 6 annual feasts.
  - The last feast is the Feast of Tabernacles (also called Ingathering in Ex. 23:16 and 34:22)
    - COMMEMORATING their journey to the promised land, dwelling in tents
    - PROPHETIC of the True Tent (God's Home in Heaven).
  - The Ingathering into Heaven is not celebrated until a short while AFTER the Day of Atonement
4. IF God was like Satan, He would make him watch the results of sin forever.
- INSTEAD: God let Adam rest
  - **Daniel 12:13** – *You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.*
5. For any reader of the Old Testament, we can see clearly that Satan has been prepping for the final deception since the very beginning.
- a. God said that if they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – “you shall surely die.”
  - b. Satan came with the lie: **Genes 3:4** – “You will not die.”
  - c. God's Word is plain.