

**NEXT WEEK - THE IMPENDING CONFLICT**

**No evidence of after life in OT- gen 5- DANIEL**

**Christ will raise us up in The last day John 6 - JOHN**

**Satans last attempt to counterfeit Gods truth/Bible through  
emotion -Rev 16 - Jill**

**7 reasons we fall for spiritualism - John**

**Departure from Gods word**

**Subtlety**

**Camouflage**

**Worship feelings without love of the truth**

**Contentment in place of commandments of men**

**Signs without sanctification**

**Christians Alliance with spiritualism**

## Spiritualism Exposed

### Sabbath Afternoon

**Read for This Week's Study:** *Matt. 10:28; Eccles. 9:5; Isa. 8:19, 20; John 11:11-14, 21-25; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Rev. 16:13, 14; Matt. 24:23-27; 2 Thess. 2:9-12.*

**Memory Text:** "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together

**with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always  
be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17, NKJV).**

SUMMARY OF THIS WEEKS LESSON -

THE STATE THE DEAD FROM THE OT -

THE SAME FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT -

THE RESURRECTION -

AND THE DECEPTIONS OF THE DEVIL ESPECIALLY AS WE DRAW CLOSE TO THE RETURN OR SECOND  
COMING OF JESUS.

FROM THE GENESIS OF OUR CREATION SPIRITUALISM HAS BEEN THE DEVILS MOST SUCCESSFUL  
DECEPTION. YOU SHALL NOT SURELY DIE STILL LIES AT THE FOUNDATION OF HIS BATTLE PLAN  
ALL THE WAY TO ARMAGEDDON - FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION.

ecades ago, stories surfaced about near death experiences (NDEs), in which  
people who died, and were  
then revived, gave incredible accounts of what they had seen and heard while "dead."  
Thousands of these stories have been documented and studied. All over the world,  
including the Christian world, millions believe that these accounts are evidence  
that the dead are not really dead. This foundational belief of spiritualism is one  
of Satan's most widespread and effective deceptions.

In fact, spiritualism had its beginnings back in Eden with the serpent's lie  
to Adam and Eve, "You will not surely die" (*Gen. 3:4, NKJV*). Throughout history it  
has taken various forms but always with the underlying premise that life continues  
even after death. This idea also lay at the root of one of the greatest spurious  
religious movements of the 19<sup>th</sup> century with the Fox sisters' claim, later admitted  
to be fraudulent, that they could receive answers to their questions from spirits of  
the dead.

In earth's final conflict, Satan will deceive millions through spiritualistic  
phenomena. The book of Revelation indicates that this is one way he will attempt to  
bring the world under his control.

The aim of this lesson is to show that our only safeguard against Satan's last-day delusions is a personal relationship with Christ and a solid grounding in the teachings of the Bible. This includes its teaching about death, regardless of what our eyes and ears and hearts might try to tell us.

*\*Study this week's lesson, based on chapters 31-34 of The Great Controversy, to prepare for Sabbath, June 8.*

**Sunday**

*June 2*

### **The Deadly Consequences of Spiritualism**

The fable that death is really just entrance to a new stage of life is based on the concept of the soul's natural immortality. This pagan idea infiltrated the church early on, as it moved away from its biblical foundations in an attempt to make its faith understandable to the wider Roman world: "The theory of the immortality of the soul was one of those false doctrines that Rome, borrowing from paganism, incorporated into the religion of Christendom."—Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 549.

" **'And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell' "** (Matt. 10:28, NKJV). **What should this verse alone tell us about the supposed immortality of the soul?**

The Lord forbade His people from involvement in occultism of any kind. They were not to tolerate among them "a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead" (Deut. 18:11, NKJV). Such people were to be stoned to death (Lev. 20:27). The punishment seems incredibly harsh, but it was designed to protect Israel from worshiping false gods. THE FIRST AND GREATEST DECEPTION EVER FOISTED UPON THE HUMAN RACE.

Witchcraft is demonic. It seduces people into false worship and counterfeits a genuine relationship with God, but it can never satisfy the deepest needs of the heart. Spiritualism is at the heart of Satan's plan to take the world captive. But Jesus, by His grace and power, sets captives free from the chains of evil that bind them.

EXAMPLE - 1 SAMUEL 28 - SAUL DECEIVED AND MANY OTHER WHO BELIEVE THE WORDS OF THIS WOMAN WITH A "familiar spirit"

**Read Ecclesiastes 9:5; Job 7:7-9; and Isaiah 8:19, 20. What do these Bible passages teach us about death and communication with the dead?**

"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."

Ecclesiastes 9:5 KJV

"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 7:9-10

"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?"

Isaiah 8:19 KJV

16\* AND THEY GATHERED THEM TOGETHER TO THE PLACE CALLED IN HEBREW, ARMAGEDDON.

3. THE GREEK MEANING OF THE WORD “GATHER” = TO “ENTERTAIN”

HERE IS THE GREEK FOR THE WORD “GATHERED” IN VERSE 16:

4863. SUNAGW SUNAGO; FROM 4862 AND 71; TO LEAD TOGETHER, I.E. BRING TOGETHER, HENCE COME TOGETHER (PASS.), ENTERTAIN:--

ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS THE CONTRAST TO THE WORK OF THESE UNCLEAN SPIRITS IS FOUND IN VERSE 15:

“BEHOLD, I AM COMING AS A THIEF. BLESSED IS HE WHO WATCHES, AND KEEPS HIS GARMENTS, LEST HE WALK NAKED AND THEY SEE HIS SHAME.”

THE GARMENTS HERE REPRESENT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST, THE GIFT OF SALVATION GIVEN TO ALL WHO ACCEPT AND ABIDE IN HIM AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR.

THIS ABIDING RELATIONSHIP IS THE FOCUS OF DANIEL’S END TIME PEOPLE WHO ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK (SEE DANIEL 12:1 AND MALACHI 3:15-17).

IT IS ALSO DEPICTED IN REVELATION 14:4 BY THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES.

SO IN CONTRAST TO THOSE WHO FOCUS ON ENTERTAINMENT ARE THOSE WHO FOCUS ON THE LAMB, HOLDING TO THE GIFT OF HIS WHITE ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

THERE IS ALSO SOME PRETTY CLEAR SUPPORT IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM THE “LESSER LIGHT” OR THE WRITINGS OF EG WHITE THAT LEADS TO UNDERSTANDING THE “GREATER LIGHT” OR THE BIBLE:

“A LARGE SHARE OF THE PERIODICALS AND BOOKS THAT, LIKE THE FROGS OF EGYPT, ARE OVERSPREADING THE LAND, ARE NOT MERELY COMMONPLACE, IDLE, AND ENERVATING, BUT UNCLEAN AND

DEGRADING. THEIR EFFECT IS NOT MERELY TO INTOXICATE AND RUIN THE MIND, BUT TO CORRUPT AND DESTROY THE SOUL” (EDUCATION, P. 189).

OF COURSE PERIODICALS AND BOOKS TODAY COME IN A FAR MORE PERVASIVE FORM OF MEDIA, BUT YOU GET THE POINT BEING MADE IN THIS STATEMENT. GOD IS CLEARLY APPLYING THE FROGS OF EGYPT TO UNCLEAN AND DEGRADING MEDIA OVERSPREADING OUR LAND AND DESTROYING SOULS—THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.

The belief that the dead go right off to heaven at death, though unbiblical, has, like Sunday-keeping, been around for so long, and is so firmly entrenched, that it's very difficult for people to let go of it. People use a few texts, taken out of context, to try to justify the belief. But this false teaching leaves them with no protection against the deceptions Satan can foist on them, especially in the final crisis.

**What has been your experience with trying to explain the state of the dead to other Christians? What, if anything, have you found effective?**