

## 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*

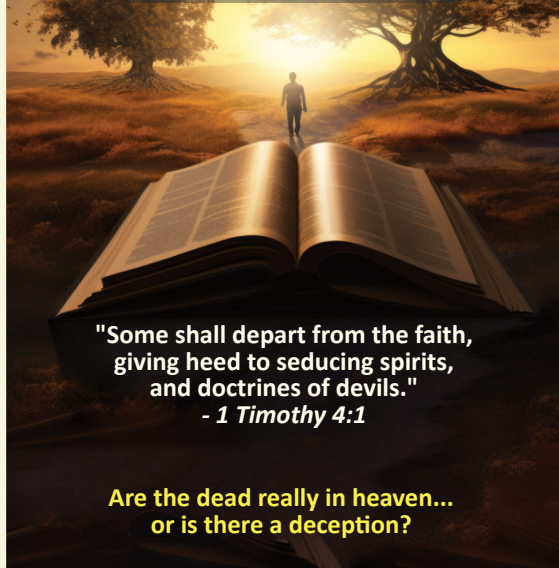


**Take this tract home. Read. Pray.  
Obey God. Reject deception.**

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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. The 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!**

