

Do We Have A Soul?

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for the truth in what the scriptures teach us on having a soul. Many people believe that we have a soul and when we die it goes to heaven or hell, depending on how you were during your life. We need to look to the Bible to see what we can learn about the soul.

Genesis 2:7

Verse 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Job 33:4

Verse 4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

The two scriptures tell us that what gives us life is the breath of the Almighty; but not only breath can give us this life let us go to Ezekiel to see what happens there.

Ezekiel 37:8 - 10

Verse 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was no breath in them.*

Verse 9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Verse 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Reading these we can also see that wind can give us life, from this we can deduct that the breath of life and wind are the same thing. We are formed out of dust and given the breath of life to make us a living soul. Knowing where we get our life from, we should look at what happens to us when we die.

Genesis 3:19

Verse 19 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.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Verse 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

Verse 20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

We see here that after we die our body returns to dust, which is what it came from, and our breath of life goes back to God who gave it.

Some people think that when they die, they will be able to watch their loved ones grow up or haunt their enemies; but if our body turns to dust and our breath of life goes back to God then is this something we can actually do? Let us look to some different scriptures to see what they tell us.

Job 7:9, 10

Verse 9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no *more.*

Verse 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6

Verse 5 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.

Verse 6 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.

Job 21:23 - 26

Verse 23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

Verse 24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

Verse 25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

Verse 26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

These scriptures tell us that once you die you have no part in this world, your love, hate, envy is gone. There is no watching over loved ones or haunting your enemies, you can not return to the earth in any manner. From dust we are made and dust we shall return, until the great day of Jesus' return.

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