

Bible Doctrines

Are the unrighteous immortal at the resurrection?

62. THE DELUSION OF SPIRITUALISM

1. The Bible definitely and clearly teaches that there is no life for the departed this side of the resurrection, because there is no part of man that is immortal. But the devil has been trying to deceive men with the subtle lie that man does not die.

Genesis 3: 3, 4. "You shall not surely die." The first lie told in this world.

John 8: 44. Satan is the father of lies.

2. Satan has supported his falsehood that "you shall not surely die" by working through his wicked angels to impersonate the dead, thus making it appear that man's spirit lives on after death.

1 Samuel 28: 3, 15. After Samuel's death, Satan impersonated him to Saul, making it appear that Samuel was still alive.

1 Samuel 28: 5, 6. Saul had been unable to get communications from God. Therefore it is certain that the being who spoke to him was not Samuel, for Samuel had always been God's prophet.

1 Samuel 28: 7-14. In order to communicate with the dead, Saul had to practice deception and inquire of a witch.

1 Samuel 28: 7, 9. This woman was under the control of a spirit.

Luke 7: 21. The spirit which possessed her was an evil spirit.

1 Chronicles 10: 13, 14. One cause of Saul's death was because he asked counsel of a spirit medium.

3. What is now known as "Spiritualism spiritualism," etc., is the same in principle as the practice of the supposed communication with the dead in ancient times, and is exceedingly displeasing to God.

Dent. 18: 9-14. Spirit communications an abomination to God.

Leviticus 20: 6. Those who sought familiar spirits were to be cut off from Israel.

Leviticus 20: 27. Spirit mediums not to be permitted in Israel.

Isaiah 8: 19. We are not to inquire of evil spirits.

Isaiah 8: 20. The test of genuineness.

4. Spiritualism will be especially prevalent in the last days of earth's history.

1 Timothy 4: 1. A departure from the faith in the latter times.

Revelation 16: 13-16. Evil spirits prepare the world for Armageddon.

Revelation 18: 2. Babylon, the false church, will become devil possessed.

Revelation 21: 8. Those who yield themselves to evil spirits will not enter heaven.

MEMORIZE Isaiah 8:19, 20.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What lie was told in Eden? How has this lie been continued?

2. Prove that it was not Samuel who spoke to Saul at Endor.

3. What means does Satan employ to deceive men into believing that the dead can speak?

4. Show that Spiritualism is not a modern invention.

5. How did the Lord show His displeasure with spirit communications?

6. Because of the existence of evil spirits, what are we counseled to do?

7. What does prophecy reveal concerning spiritualism in the last days?

8. Can a spirit medium enter the New Jerusalem?

For Further Study