

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Mon. Oct. 11	NO SEMINAR
Tues. Oct. 12	A Love that Transforms
Wed. Oct. 13	Why So Many Denominations?
Thurs. Oct. 14	NO SEMINAR
Fri. Oct. 15	In Search of the Church

*Answers in Prophecy will continue nightly **through October 16** (except Mondays & Thursdays). Every night, we'll serve a delicious, plant-based supper at 6:30pm, and the program will formally begin at 7pm. We hope you'll plan to be here for each session!

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ANSWERS IN PROPHECY

The Mystery of Death & the Beauty of Hell

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Life After Death?

- The current fascination with death and what happens after one's death can be detected in spiritualistic themes commonly found in movies and TV shows, reports of supposed encounters with the deceased, and an increasingly common sentiment of a dead loved-one's nearness. This interest in the after-life is often based upon two underlying assumptions that are the two foundational tenets of spiritualism.
 - ▶ The human soul is naturally _____.
 - ▶ _____ between the living and the dead is possible.
- What is the Bible's perspective on life after death?
 - ▶ John 5:25; 11:25—Those who believe in Jesus have the hope of the _____.
 - ▶ 1 Thessalonians 4:16—This resurrection will occur at the _____.
 - ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17-19—The promise of resurrection is the very _____ of the Christian faith.

Jesus gives us hope beyond death's mysterious door! The promise of the resurrection, however, leads to questions that many Christians have not adequately considered. If the soul is naturally immortal, what need is there for the resurrection? What does the Bible teach about what happens when we die?

Understanding Life to Understand Death

- Genesis 2:7—The original creation, a formula for life:
_____ + _____ => _____
 - ▶ "living being" comes from the Hebrew word often translated as _____
 - ▶ When either the dust or the breath is missing, the soul simply _____ to exist.
 - ▶ Ezekiel 18:20—From the Bible's perspective, the soul can _____.

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- ❑ Ecclesiastes 12:7—Death is simply creation in _____: _____ - _____ => _____

Immortality?

- ❑ 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16—Immortality belongs to God _____.
- ❑ Romans 2:7—Immortality is something we seek after because we do not naturally _____ it.
- ❑ 1 Corinthians 15:51-55—We will be given immortality when Jesus _____ again.

Until Then

- ❑ Psalm 146:4; Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10; Job. 7:9, 10—All of these verses point to death as the end of conscious _____.
- ❑ Psalm 13:3; Daniel 12:2—Correspondingly, the Bible refers to death as a _____, implying the possibility of being awakened.
- ❑ John 11—Note the significant details concerning death in this passage:
 - ▶ Jesus referred to death as a _____. (vv. 11-14)
 - ▶ Martha believed that Lazarus would live again in the resurrection at the _____ day. (v. 24)
 - ▶ Jesus called Lazarus to “come forth,” not come _____ or come _____. (v. 43)

Satan's Scheme

- ❑ Genesis 3:4—This great confusion about death originated with _____ in the Garden of Eden.
- ❑ What does Satan accomplish through this unfounded teaching?
 - ▶ Genesis 3:4—Satan subtly implies that it is possible to _____ apart from faith in God's will and Word.
 - ▶ 2 Corinthians 11:14; 1 Timothy 4:1—Under the disguise of those who have died, Satan can send deceiving _____ as a way to communicate the doctrines of _____, causing people to depart from the faith.

The Beauty of Hell?

- ❑ The term “hell” occurs _____ times in the King James Version of the Bible.
- ❑ Old Testament usage—31 of those occurrences comes from the Hebrew word *sheol*, which simply means _____ or place of the _____.
- ❑ New Testament usage:
 - ▶ 11 occurrences of the Greek word *hades* meaning _____
 - ▶ 12 occurrences of the Greek word *gehenna* meaning place of burning or _____.
- ❑ Who is it for? Matthew 25:41—The destructive fires of hell are prepared for _____ and his angels.
- ❑ When & What is it? Revelation 20:14-15; Matthew 10:28—It is the lake of fire reserved for the _____ of the “millennium,” where both body and soul are destroyed, which means it is a death from which there is no _____.
- ❑ How long is it? If the human soul is _____ naturally immortal, then there is _____ for hell to burn throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. This is why the Bible consistently portrays the destruction of the wicked in finite terms (Rom. 6:23; Lk. 13:3; Rev. 20:9; Mal. 4:1, 3; Ps. 37:20; Isa. 47:14; Zeph. 1:18; Ob. 16)

God's Gospel

- ❑ What does God accomplish through showing us the truth about death and hell?
 - ▶ Nahum 1:9; Revelation 15:3—God is able to make a _____ end of sin, and He is completely fair in doing so.
 - ▶ 1 John 5:12—God leads us to realize that life is only found in Jesus and that apart from Him we have no life at all.
 - ▶ John 11:25; Romans 6:4—God offers to us the promise of physical resurrection at the last day and the promise of spiritual resurrection today, enabling us to walk in newness of life!