

**27. When loved ones die what is our comfort? I Thessalonians 4:15-18**

The hope of the \_\_\_\_\_.

We should " \_\_\_\_\_ one another with these words."

**NOTE:** The Bible does not picture an immortal soul winging its way to heaven at death, neither does it present death as an open door to heaven. God's Word always calls attention to the second coming of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead as the time of heavenly reward.

**GOD'S GREAT PROMISE**

**28. What great power is promised to us today? Philippians 3:10**

"the \_\_\_\_\_ of His resurrection."

**NOTE:** WHAT A POWER! WHAT A JOY TO SEE FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES RESURRECTED, WHO DIED BELIEVING IN JESUS. Truly, the second coming of Jesus will be a grand and glorious event for those who love and serve Him.

**29. Do you see that your only hope of eternal life is in Jesus?**

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_

**30. Are you determined to be among the obedient ones who are raised in the first resurrection?**

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_

Study Guide 013



**REVELATION'S KEYS OF DEATH**

When a person dies, is he really dead? There is an old saying, "Dead men tell no tales," but do they? Today millions believe they are in touch with the dead. Government officials the world over seek counsel from those who supposedly communicate with the dead.

Is this some gigantic hoax? Or is it one of the grandest blessings to ever come to man? Even more sobering, your own life and future could be in jeopardy. There is no defense for guesswork when results can be so far reaching and final. We must obtain the facts.

Thank God, Jesus, the Star of the Drama of Revelation, has the answers. He was dead but is now alive forevermore.

Prepare for some surprises as we review His Word on this most important topic.

**VICTORY OVER DEATH**

**1. What does Jesus have in His hand? Revelation 1:18**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_"

**NOTE:** Thank God! Jesus has the keys, or answers, to the mysterious questions and problems regarding death. And since He only has the

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answers, we must go to His Word for information. No other source is reliable.

**2. What is Jesus called in Revelation 1:5?**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ begotten of the \_\_\_\_\_"

**NOTE:** He was not the first-raised numerically. Others had been raised prior to His resurrection. He was first from the standpoint of importance. His resurrection is first and foremost of all.

**3. Why is Jesus' resurrection so important to me?  
1 Corinthians 15:20-22**

"In \_\_\_\_\_ shall all be made \_\_\_\_\_"

**NOTE:** His resurrection is important to you and me because it has made all other resurrections possible.

## GOD CREATED MAN

**4. How did God create man in the beginning? Genesis 2:7**

He " \_\_\_\_\_ man of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ground and \_\_\_\_\_  
into his \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_"

**5. What happens at death? Ecclesiastes 12:7**

"Then shall the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to the earth...and the  
\_\_\_\_\_ shall return unto \_\_\_\_\_ who gave it."

**NOTE:** Two things happen at death: the body returns to dust and the spirit returns to God.

**6. What returns to God at death? James 2:26**

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_

b. "If they speak not according to this \_\_\_\_\_ . . . there is no  
\_\_\_\_\_ in them."

**NOTE:** This passage plainly states that we must refuse to listen to those who claim to speak for the dead. We are to receive our information from God's Word only.

**23. Those who obey God will enter heaven. Who will not?  
Revelation 22:15**

"For without are dogs, and \_\_\_\_\_  
and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters."

**24. Does witchcraft claim to contact the dead?**

Yes! God says, "Have no \_\_\_\_\_ with the unfruitful works  
of \_\_\_\_\_ ." Ephesians 5:11,

**NOTE:** I should stay as far away as possible from anything that in any way resembles witchcraft. Presumed contact with the dead is contact with Satanic forces.

## NO MORE DEATH

**25. Why are the godly dead called blessed? Revelation 14:13**

They " \_\_\_\_\_ from their \_\_\_\_\_."

**NOTE:** It does not say they transfer their labors to heaven (No, their work is done). Man simply sleeps in the grave till the resurrection (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

**26. What finally happens to the curse of death? Revelation 20:14**

It is cast into the \_\_\_\_\_ of fire.

**NOTE:** Death ends in the lake of fire. Then God says, "There shall be no more death." Oh, happy day! Revelation 21:4.

## SATAN'S HOAX ABOUT DEATH

### 18. What lie about death did Satan tell Eve? Genesis 3:4

“\_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ surely \_\_\_\_\_”

**NOTE:** Satan said, "You won't really die if you disobey," and that is what he is telling people today.

### 19. Why does Satan want people to believe the dead are alive?

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_

So his angels can pose as spirits of the dead and deceive people!  
Matthew 24:24; Revelation 16:14

### 20. What causes the fall of Babylon? Revelation 18:2, 4, 5

She has become the “habitation of \_\_\_\_\_”

**NOTE:** Satan has gained access to the churches through his falsehood that the dead are alive. This gives Satan full power to deceive (1 Timothy 4:1).

### 21. What happens when evil angels deceive world leaders?

a. Revelation 18:23 By thy \_\_\_\_\_ nations \_\_\_\_\_

b. Revelation 16:13, 14 " \_\_\_\_\_ them to the \_\_\_\_\_

of that great \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Almighty."

**NOTE:** Satan's angels, claiming to be the spirits of the dead, will influence the rulers of the nations of the world and lead them into that final battle of Armageddon, which will end in their total destruction.

## AN IMPORTANT TEST

### 22. Where should I seek information about death? Isaiah 8:19, 20

a. People should "seek \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_"

**NOTE:** The margin says "breath." "Spirit" and "breath" are alternate translations from the same Greek word. Job also points out that the "spirit" and "breath" are the same (Job 27:3). So the "spirit" that returns to God at death is simply the breath of life (Genesis 2:7).

### 7. Did God place the breath of life in man at Creation? Genesis 2:7

Yes! "And man became a \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**NOTE:** God formed man's body of the dust. He then combined breath with this body and man became a living soul. So biologically speaking, body plus breath equals soul (a living being). The Bible makes it clear a living, breathing person is a soul. Therefore, we all are living souls.

### 8. Do souls die? Ezekiel 18:4, 20

Yes! "The soul that sinneth, it shall \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**NOTE:** The **Bible does not** support "the undying soul" concept. Rather, scripture teaches the human soul **is subject** to death.

## DEATH AND THE GRAVE

### 9. What happens to the soul at death? Psalm 104:29, 30

The soul goes nowhere. It simply \_\_\_\_\_ to exist.

**NOTE:** At Creation two things combine to make a soul—body and breath. At death these two (body and breath) separate. It is only the "breath of life" or "God's divine power which maintains life" that returns to God—not the soul. Acts 17:28.

### 10. Where are the dead? John 5:28, 29; Job 21:32

**Ans:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** They are not in heaven or hell, but rather in their graves. At Pentecost, Peter said David was in his grave and not in heaven (Acts

2:29, 34). True, David will be saved in heaven, but not yet. It is God's plan for all the dead to wait in their graves until Jesus returns and resurrects them (Hebrews 11:32, 39-40).

**11. Can dead people think? Psalm 146:4**

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Do dead people know what loved ones are doing? Job 14:12, 21**

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The following scripture is specific:

**Job 7:9, 10** — The dead can't go back and haunt houses. Psalm 6:5 — The dead do not remember or give thanks. Isaiah 38:18,19 — The dead can't learn truth.

**Psalm 115:17** — The dead do not praise the Lord.

**13. Does any part of man know anything in death?**

**Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ know not anything."

**NOTE:** Words could not be plainer. The dead are in no way involved with anything. They cannot contact the living. Death is not life in heaven, hell or purgatory. It is the opposite of life. The words "soul" and "spirit" are used over 1,600 times in the Bible, but never, not even once is either word given any recognition of life or personality or wisdom or knowledge when separated from the body.

## RESURRECTION FROM DEATH

**14. When are the righteous dead raised? 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23;**

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-17**

At the second coming of \_\_\_\_\_

**15. How did Jesus refer to death? John 11:11-14**

"Our friend Lazarus \_\_\_\_\_"

**NOTE:** Death is called "sleep" at least fifty times in the Bible. We are to regard it as a sound, dreamless sleep until the resurrection morning when Jesus comes.

**16. Do people have immortality now? I Timothy 6:15, 16**

No! Only \_\_\_\_\_ has immortality now.

**NOTE:** Man is mortal, subject to death (Job 4:17). Yet God's people do have the gift of eternal life now through Jesus. It begins with the new birth and will be continued in heaven (I John 5:12; John 6:54).



**17. When will God's people receive immortality?**

**I Corinthians 15:51-55**

At Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** Immortality means not subject to death. Jesus will give immortality to His people as a free gift at His second coming. Until then no one but God has immortality.