

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep.1227: Where Do the Human Soul and Spirit Go When We Die? (Part I)

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1. Why would we turn to the Bible to define the human soul and spirit and what happens to them at death? What is the definition of “soul” in the Bible? What is the Greek word translated into English as “soul”? (See Genesis 2:7, Strong’s #5315 definition)
2. How is the Hebrew word *nephesh* used differently with humans and animals in some translations? What are all the ways it has been translated into English? Is there a scriptural difference between human souls and animal souls? Explain. How was Numbers 31:28 a problem for some translators? How did the creative process differ for humans and animals? (See Genesis 1:20-30, 9:3-4, 12, 15-16)
3. What is the Greek word in the New Testament that corresponds to *nephesh* in the Old Testament? How can we be sure that the Greek and Hebrew words mean essentially the same concept? (See Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 22:36-37)
4. What is the difference between being “mortal” and “immortal”? How does Jesus use the Greek word *psuchē* in Mark 8:34-37? Why would translators use “life” instead of “soul” in the first two verses? Why use “soul” in the last two? How do Acts 15:25-27 and 27:21-22 show the soul is *not* immortal?
5. What is death? What does Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:17, 19 tell us about what happens to us at death? Where did the false concept of the soul never dying come from? (See Genesis 3:4-5, John 8:44)
6. Where was Adam told he was going after he died? What did Job think would happen at death? How about the flies in Ecclesiastes, or David in Psalms? Where do all creatures, human and otherwise, go when they die? (See Genesis 3:17, 19, Job 14:13-14, Ecclesiastes 10:1, Psalm 115:17)
7. Why do we die? How do these verses connect the Old and New Testament? When did the utter lifelessness of death change? (See Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)
8. What is another way to prove/disprove if we have a “divine spark” of immortality inherent within us? (See Job 4:17, Romans 2:7, 6:12, 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 50-54, 2 Corinthians 4:11)
9. Is there a promise of immortality being available in the future? What made immortality available? When did Jesus receive immortality? (See 1 Corinthians 15:53-54, 1 Timothy 6:16, 2 Timothy 1:10, Ephesians 1:21)
10. How will this understanding of the soul and death change your life or your focus?