

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep.1228: Where Do the Human Soul and Spirit Go When We Die? (Part II)

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SHOW NOTES

1. What is the biblical description of the human soul? Are the soul and the spirit the same? What is the word in the Old Testament often translated "spirit"? What else has a spirit? (See Genesis 2:7, Zechariah 12:1, Hebrews 4:12)
2. What was the result of God's spirit "moving over the surface of the water" of the unfinished earth? How did God's spirit work with certain individuals in the Old Testament including the prophets? What is God's spirit? (See Genesis 1:2-3, Exodus 35:30-31, Isaiah 59:21)
3. How is the Hebrew word *ruach* translated into English in Genesis 3:8 and 1 Kings 19:11? In what way is God's spirit and these other translations similar and yet different? What meaning ties these together?
4. What is the word translated "breath" in Genesis 2:7 and 7:22 (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance #5397)? In what way did the breath of life operate similarly in both humans and animals in these two verses? In what way was their creation different? Describe thoroughly how *ruach* and *neshamah* are similar and how they are different. (See Genesis 1:26, 6:17)
5. What happens when the spirit is removed from a man or an animal? (Psalms 104:29-30) If this is true of both men and animals, what might Ecclesiastes 3:20-21 be referencing? How can the human spirit/*ruach* can manifest? What is the difference between our soul/*nephesh* and our spirit/*ruach*? (See 1 Samuel 1:15, 2 Kings 2:9, 1 Kings 10:4-5, Ezra 1:1-3, Psalms 77:2-6, Proverbs 14:29, Isaiah 26:9)
6. Why is it so important to understand and link Old Testament words with those in the New Testament? What are some of the ways God's spirit works with man (including Jesus) in the New Testament? In what way is that different from the operation of God's spirit in the Old Testament? How do our lives as "sons of God" differ from our lives previously? (See Psalms 31:4-5, Luke 23:46, John 1:32, Romans 8:13-16)
7. What is the difference between the spirit of God, spirit of man and spirit of the world? How can we maximize the power of God's spirit in our lives? (See Romans 1:9, 8:13-17, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, 2 Timothy 1:7, Matthew 5:3, 26:40-41, 1 John 4:1-3)
8. What did God tell Adam the results of sin would be? Did He promise he would continue living forever? Who DID promise this? Explain Ecclesiastes 12:7 in light of these other verses. Does man have inherent eternal life, immortality?
9. How does the true church of Christ as a collective group explain the use of "soul," "spirit" and "body" in 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4? (See Genesis 1:26, 2:7, 3:4, 19)
10. As a son of God, how are you maximizing His spirit in your life? How can you use His word to see "our carnality versus our spirituality" and make changes? (See Hebrews 4:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17)