

## Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 20—“Is there any man in the Sanctuary yet?”

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### OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. Has death ever seemed like a scary thing to you?
2. Do you think the Love of God is stronger than death? Please explain your answer. (What does this mean to you personally?)

### READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. Were any men allowed to come into the Sanctuary while the priest was doing his work there? (Leviticus 16:17)
2. When will the saved be allowed to enter into God’s holy presence as found in the Sanctuary? (Revelation 15:8)
3. What is one of the major purposes for Jesus Christ to return? (John 14:1-3)
  - a. When do Jesus’ followers get to be with Him (where He is)? (To be “present” with Him)
  - b. Will the Dead Christians see Jesus before we do, or will we all meet Jesus at the same time? (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17)
  - c. “Christ...the first fruits of those who slept...afterward, they that are Christ’s at his coming.” (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:20,23)
  - d. Why would Jesus come to earth to resurrect the dead Christians if they were already living with Him in Heaven? Would he need to do such a thing?
4. What does the Bible say about King David? Is he in Heaven yet? (Acts 2:29,34)
5. Who are the only ones the Bible specifically says are in Heaven with Jesus today? (Genesis 5:24; Jude 1:9; 2 Kings 2:11)
6. Where do so many Christians get the idea that we all go right to heaven or hell (or purgatory) at death? *(Note: This is the Greek Philosophical idea of an immortal soul. Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle taught it. It became accepted into the Roman church during the Dark Ages...and so many still accept this teaching today. The Bible says that souls can die. They are not immortal—ref. Ezekiel 18:4. Only God has immortality now (ref. 1 Timothy 6:16). No Christian experiences immortality until the Second Coming (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:53,54). The immortal soul idea goes back to the serpent in Eden-ref. Gen. 3:4))*
7. So how does Jesus describe death? (John 11:11-14) *(Note: The Bible describes death as a sleep more than 59 times in 17 different books of the Bible)*

- a. Does Jesus' view of death seem peaceful to you?
8. How much do the dead know? Are they conscious of anything? (Ecclesiastes 9:5,6, 10)
- a. Do they ever have a part in anything done on earth after they die? (v.6) *(Note: this is very important to know because the Devils can deceive us—Rev. 16:13,14)*
9. Do our dead loved ones know what is happening to us after they die? (Job 14:21)
10. Is it possible for dead Christians to praise the Lord while they are dead? (Psalm 6:4,5)
11. How is a person made anyway? What two things does God use to create life? (Genesis 2:7)
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = A living \_\_\_\_\_
12. What happens at death? (Ecclesiastes 12:7)
- a. The process of Death = \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What is the Spirit that returns to God at death? *This is the life-giving spirit of God...the breath that He gives us (See Job 27:3)*
13. Does God preserve our soul (our special, unique identity) when we die? (Luke 23:46)
- a. Would you like God to be the keeper of your soul when you die?
  - b. *Note: Some people teach that the thief on the cross next to Jesus went immediately to Heaven when he died. They say this based on Luke 23:42, 43 "today you will be with me in Paradise." However, this cannot be the case because Jesus did not even go to Paradise on this day, as he told Mary on Sunday morning (John 20:17). Simply, the comma is in the wrong place. Punctuation is not in the original Greek. It was added later and sometimes is not perfectly correct. It should say, "certainly I tell you today, [even though all looked hopeless] you will be with me in Paradise.*
14. How can we be sure to have the gift of eternal life? (John 6:54; 1 John 5:11,12)

**HEART QUESTION(S):**

- 1. Does it seem clear to you that the dead are sleeping unconsciously in their graves right now? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Will you daily serve Jesus Christ, receiving forgiveness for your sin, and His gift of eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_

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