

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

DEATH

Let's start out by saying that there are two types of "death":

- a. *Physical Death = The physical body ceases to function*
- b. *Spiritual Death = The spirit of a man is separated (temporary or permanent) from the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit of God.*
- ➡ *Physical Body = Obviously, we are talking about the flesh, bones, & organs. It is sometimes called the "Mortal" Body because it is not going to live forever. It is going to wear out and then die.*
- ➡ *Spirit of a Man = This refers to the "soul" of a man (mind, emotions, will). This part of man never stops existing. It will consciously continue to exist forever.*

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (soul).

1. Which phrase describes the creation of the physical body?

2. Which phrase describes the creation of spiritual body ("spirit" of a man or "soul")?

The discussion of soul & spirit has many views. Let's look at some Bible verses.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Does the verse indicate that the spirit, the soul, and the body are distinct parts of man? ___Yes ___No
4. Does the verse indicate that all of these parts of man should be kept blameless & pure? ___Yes ___No

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul & spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

5. Do you see the physical parts of man and the spiritual parts of man mentioned in this verse? ___Yes ___No
6. What phrase describes the physical part of man?

7. What phrase describes the spiritual part of man?

8. What other part of man's body is mentioned in the verse? _____
9. What abilities does this part of man have?
 - a. "The Bible is a discerner of the _____ & _____"

Now, you're wondering how all this talk about man applies to the subject of "death".

We must be clear what parts of man are going to die and which ones are not.

10. Match the verse with a fact about man's body-soul-spirit make-up. You may use a verse more than once.

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| a. Matthew 10:28 | <input type="checkbox"/> A person has both a soul and a spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> A spirit of man can rejoice with God |
| b. Ezekiel 18:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> A soul cannot be killed by man | <input type="checkbox"/> A body can go to hell |
| c. Luke 1:46-47 | <input type="checkbox"/> A soul is a man | <input type="checkbox"/> A soul can sin |
| d. Luke 10:27 | <input type="checkbox"/> All souls belong to God | <input type="checkbox"/> A soul can go to hell |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A soul can declare God's greatness | <input type="checkbox"/> A soul can be just & righteous |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> God can destroy a soul | <input type="checkbox"/> A body can die |

➡ LET'S SUMMARIZE ←

As we have seen from the Bible verses, man is made up of three parts:

- a. **The Body** = The physical skin & bones of the person
= Our sight, hearing, taste, touch, smell
= **This part of man is aware of the happenings in the world.**
= This part of man enables him to relate to his environment.
- b. **The Soul** = The personality of the person
= Our mind, our emotions, our will
= **This part of man is aware of the happenings in himself.**
= This part of man enables him to relate to other people.
- c. **The Spirit** = The image of God in the person
= Our awareness, sensitivity, understanding, motivation to God
= **This part of man is aware of the happenings with God.**
= This part of man enables him to directly relate to God.

11. Is there anything new that you learned here?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

12. From what you have read in this lesson so far:

- a. Can man's physical body stop existing (die)? Yes No
- b. Can man's soul stop existing (die)? Yes No
- c. Can man's spirit stop existing (die)? Yes No

13. Match the verses to facts about MAN'S BODY.

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| a. Psalm 139:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled by a wicked heart |
| b. 1 Corinthians 6:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Created in mother's womb |
| c. Romans 12:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Born in inherited sin |
| d. Jeremiah 17:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Created for God's use on earth |
| e. Psalm 51:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> It is the temple of the Holy Spirit |

14. Match the verses to facts about MAN'S SOUL.

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| a. Genesis 2:7 | _____ | A soul can live in wickedness |
| b. Matthew 16:26 | _____ | A soul was created by God |
| c. Matthew 22:37 | _____ | A soul can prosper in various ways |
| d. Ezekiel 18:20 | _____ | A soul can choose to love God |
| e. Psalm 23:3 | _____ | A soul can be restored (rescued) by God |
| f. 3 John 1:2 | _____ | A soul can choose to sin |

15. Match the verses to facts about MAN'S SPIRIT.

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| a. Job 32:8 | _____ | Can communicate with God's Spirit |
| b. Proverbs 20:27 | _____ | Came from God in the first place |
| c. Ecclesiastes 12:7 | _____ | Created by God |
| d. Romans 8:16 | _____ | It radiates the light from God |
| e. Zechariah 12:1 | _____ | It enables us to worship God |
| f. John 4:24 | _____ | It is the very breath & image of God |

BEFORE DEATH EXISTED

Genesis 1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

16. Is it safe to assume that death was not part of God's original creation?

____Yes ____No

Genesis 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good & evil. And now, lest he puts out his hand and takes also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever".....

17. The original plan for man was to live in the garden with God, take care of the garden, have off-spring, and have access to everything in that garden - AND DO IT FOREVER!!

____Yes ____No

AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY, SINCE THERE IS NO DEATH, THERE IS ONLY ONE OTHER OPTION FOR MAN, TO LIVE WITH GOD FOREVER OBEYING GOD AN HAVING ACCESS TO THE TREE OF LIFE.

SIN ENTERS THE HUMAN RACE

Genesis 3:6 (After listening to the lies of the devil) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam & Eve hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:10 So Adam replied, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Genesis 3:11 And God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

18. How is sin described in the verses from *Genesis* above?
- (3:6) Even though God told them not to eat of that tree, she still wanted it because it was pleasant to her eyes. Yes No
 - (3:6) Even though God told them not to eat of that tree, she still wanted it because it would make her as wise as God. Yes No
 - (3:6) Even though God told them not to eat of that tree, Adam did not sin because the devil deceived his wife, not him. Yes No
 - (3:7) Man & woman suddenly saw evil, the very evil that God was trying to spare them from - thus, they wanted more evil. Yes No
 - (3:7) Did God create evil? Yes No
 - (3:8) If a perfect man has enjoyed the presence of a holy God, and now suddenly does not want to be near God, it had to be sin. Yes No
 - (3:9) Obviously, God did not ask Adam where he was because he couldn't find him; He was asking Adam to admit he sinned. Yes No
 - (3:10) Why was Adam afraid? _____
 - (3:10) If something is wrong with a perfect being (man) who God called "good" (like being naked & hiding), sin must have happened. Yes No
 - (3:11) If man is listening to anyone else except God when it comes to living his life, then sin has happened

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<i>Genesis 2:17</i>	For in the day that you <u>eat</u> of that (forbidden) tree, <u>YOU SHALL SURELY DIE</u> .
<i>Genesis 3:6</i>	She took of its fruit and <u>ate</u> . She also gave to her husband with her, and he <u>ate</u> .
<i>Genesis 3:24</i>	God drove the man out of the garden and away from the tree of life.
<i>Ezekiel 18:20</i>	The soul that sins will die.
<i>Romans 6:23</i>	The wages (payment) for sin is death.
<i>Romans 5:12</i>	Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sinned entered the world (resulting in death), and thus death spread to all men, because all have sinned.

19. As soon as Adam sinned in the garden, did he physically die? Yes No
20. As soon as Adam sinned in the garden, did he spiritually die? Yes No

Both answers are "yes".

Remember: **Physical death** is when the human body stops functioning.

Spiritual death is when man is separated from the presence of God.

Since that first sin, Adam's physical body BEGAN to die physically. It gets older, slower, sick, and just wears out. Then, we grown old and die. That is the promised curse of God upon mankind because Of Adam's sin.

Since that first sin, Adam's spiritual body died immediately. He was separated from God. A holy God cannot associate with a sinful man. The sin has to be paid for by blood.

21. All mankind in the Old Testament offered blood sacrifices as payment for sin but they were looking ahead to the sacrifice of Jesus. Yes No
22. Jesus died & rose so we could be dead to sin & alive to God. Yes No