

Bible Truths

(For Students of the Bible /Understanding What We Read)

What Is Man (#2)

There is another verse that might cause some questions to come into our minds. I would like to point out that there are times in the bible that the word soul and life and breath can be used interchangeable. The verse we are about to look at now is one of those times, now just listen this verse is in your bible you can read along with us if you like. **Genesis 35:18** speaking of Rachel "And it came to pass as her soul was in departing [for she died] that she called his name Ben-Oni but his father called him Benjamin." Please note the next verse "And Rachel died and was buried in the way to Eph'rath which is in Bethlehem. Please look if you will the bible tells us as her soul was departing (For she died). What was departing? Was it not her life or her breath? For she Rachel, died. No where in this passage can you find that she went anywhere just that she died. Her life is all the left her and that was not an intelligent part of her for we are told in **Psa. 146:4**, "His breath goeth forth he returneth to his earth in that very day his thoughts' perish." The bible just said for she died. It never said she went anywhere. Just that she died and that they buried her. Just as it was declared to man in the beginning if he ate of the forbidden fruit. For the Almighty said dust thou art unto dust shalt thou return **Psa.33: 18-19**, "Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and keep them alive in famine." here again we would point out if the soul were immortal why would he have to deliver their soul from death? These are fair questions and you should press them hard to your pastors. If by nature the soul was immortal why would he need to keep them alive in famine? Look at this verse found in **Genesis 46:18** "These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls." **Verse 22** "and these are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob : all the souls were fourteen." Now think friend were these souls born unto Jacob immortal? Were they ever immortal? If so when did they become immortal? How could they ever be begotten? For sure they had a mortal dad. They were mortal as well. We find in **Exodus 1:5** And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already. Were these Souls immortal? We turn to **Exodus 12:15** "Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off." -- Cut off signifies a violent death, such as being stoned to death, or beheaded, or in some form of punished. In the book of Leviticus there are many places we find that a soul can do things, hear, see, bathe speak with their lips, many things we are told that a soul can do. It can also be killed. For one thing is for sure God had told the dust made creature if he ate of the forbidden fruit that he would die. To make statements without proof is only talking to the wind and it means nothing. Do we have the proof? (to be cont)