

## The Question of Body, Spirit, and Soul

Question about body, spirit, and soul was brought up last week.

Ecclesiastes 3:18-21

- 18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.
- 19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; (we all die sometime) yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. (Solomon says, if you people think you're better than a beast, look around and see. Rule of Intrepie – disintegration. Everything that is in the world is in a state of disintegration.
- 20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. (Catholics rub their forehead with ashes, and they believe you are dust and to dust you shall return)
- 21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? The word spirit is translated many different ways in English, so how can we really know what its talking about? Context of scripture, that's how. Soul and spirit are not the same thing. Spirit is what God gives you; Soul is life. Our spirit continues to live after death. The soul dies, or goes downwards. Animals do not have a spirit, so they turn back into dust, and that's it. Human beings are created in His image, and animals are not. They just go back to the earth.

Genesis 1:1... the Spirit of God moves on the waters. Spirit is what God gave us humans when He made us in His image.

The people who live during the millennium of Christ, how do they know what's true or not?

Rev 20:6-9...6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Isaiah 11:6...6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

Notice how nature becomes tame, that there are no more carnivores – just vegetarians. Now that won't work.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

All of mankind on the Earth during the reign of Christ will know all about him. Satan is sealed in the abyss at this time. This will be a perfect world, animals won't be carnivorous, vegetarians will abound. The Earth will be restored to the way it was supposed to be in the beginning. Zachariah in his book brings out the details of how the world will be during the millennium of Christ's rule. When Satan is turned loose again after the millennium, there will be a lot of people who are going to give to allegiance to Christ but in their heart they hate Christ's rule, and they will turn to Satan again when he is loosed. Christ will ultimately get rid of these people who show their true heart at that time.

Every morning when a person wakes up, they have choice on how to live their life for that day. They can choose to honor and glorify Christ or not. Every day when we get up, we get a choice. Then we sleep for a bit and don't have to think about it. But when we wake up again, we have to make the choice – honor Christ with our words, actions, behaviors; or not. But there is a lot of false teachings about Christ in the world today that messes up people's choices, and they may try to honor Christ with their day, but are basing their actions on a wrong teaching. That's why it's so important to be careful and prayerful in your bible studies, to make sure you get the correct message from God and you can have the right information on which to base your decisions throughout the day.

Romans 8:18-23...18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Paul is talking about us Christians. Whatever we're going thru now is nothing compared to how wonderful it will be when Christ rules.)

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. When we, as God's adopted children, are brought to our full potential...)

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, (earnest expectation and looking forward to the restoration of God's creation)

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (we are in the bondage of corruption from sin right now)

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. (what we're really waiting on in this life is when we'll be resurrected, put into the body of Christ, and live with Him for a thousand years – the consummation of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ)

II Peter 3:10-11...10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 ¶ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: (this should resolve the question of body, spirit, and soul).