

Lucan: Hello. 😊 It's time to begin; Bro. David, will you please offer an opening prayer?

Zahakiel: Almighty and loving Father in Heaven, We come before your presence with thanksgiving for the many and precious blessings you have given to us this past week. Although we worship you and offer you praises each day, we are thankful for these Sabbath hours, a time for your particular blessings to rest upon us, and we look forward to a time of sweet and sanctifying fellowship. May all be present with open hearts to receive the message tonight from your servant, for we ask it in Yahshua's name. Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Adriel777: Amen

daphna dee: Amen

Elyna: Amen.

Ruthline: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Barb: Amen

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Lucan: It is written in the creation account:

"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 soul." (Genesis 2:7)

We have here the origin and equation of life. The breath of Yahweh combined with a body of flesh produces life; that life is a living soul. Until the breath of Yahweh was breathed into the man, he was not living; he was formed, but he was not a living soul. When the breath departs, the soul ceases to exist, and death is the result. A failure to understand this has led to countless errors over the ages, most commonly that of spiritualism. Spiritualism, broadly defined, is a belief in communication with the dead.

We may read the results of one such example:

"So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, [even] against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking [counsel] of [one that had] a familiar spirit, to enquire [of it]; And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse." (1 Chronicles 10:13, 14)

And, we may read elsewhere:

"And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, [is it] not because [there is] no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die." (2 Kings 1:16)

Both of these are examples of spiritualism; those who seek counsel of dead spirits and those who seek counsel of dead idols share in the same sin. We understand, in light of Mrs.

White's writings, that not only was going to the god of Ekron spiritualism, but that going to lawyers not of our faith is equivalent to going to the god of Ekron. CSDAs have understood on this basis that to go to secular lawyers for advice and counsel, particularly in spiritual or religious matters, is to engage in spiritualism.

This is rather significant, as we have understood from certain prophecies that spiritualism is to play a significant role in last day events. We see this fulfilled in the trademark law, obtained through worldly policy, and which men professing to represent God "pray to the court for relief" in the enforcement of the "mark of their name."

As far as the world is concerned, literal spiritualism has largely been cast aside in favor of secularism. While in Mrs. White's day spiritualism was just beginning to rise to prominence, in our day, a widespread spiritualist revival is just as unreasonable an expectation as a national Sunday law. What must be understood is that secularism is itself a form of spiritualism; it is seeking knowledge and guidance from the dead as opposed to the Living.

The Scriptures did not end with describing the sin of seeking false counsel; Saul was condemned not only because he sought counsel of a familiar spirit, but further that he "enquired not of Yahweh." To the king who enquired of the god of Ekron, the rebuke was not merely for this, but "is it not because there is no God in Israel, to enquire of His Word?" We may see from both of these that the failure is not only in wrong belief as to the state of the dead or existence of false gods. Even if the dead were living; even if false gods existed; why should we seek out counsel from these sources? Is there not a God in Israel?

Paul offers similar warnings:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

And why is it that we should beware of this?

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" (Colossians 2:9, 10)

If we are complete in Christ, and in Christ is all the fullness of the Godhead, and we are filled with all the fullness of God through Christ, of what necessity is philosophy, tradition, worldly wisdom, other gods, or the words of the dead?

As we read a few verses later:

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses." (Colossians 2:13)

"Dead in trespasses and sins" is the description of the unconverted. Remember the equation of life; the body of flesh, filled with the spirit or breath of life, equals a living soul.

What can be said of those who are "living" in a body of flesh, but do not have the Spirit of Life?

We know what Life is:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen [it], and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)" (1 John 1:1, 2)

And again:

"When Christ, [who is] our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)

If we do not have Christ, we do not have life. If we do not have Christ, we do not have the Spirit of Life, "for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2)

If one does not have life, and does not have the spirit of life, yet walks and talks and breathes in the flesh, are they not truly among the dead?

As it is written:

"And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (Ephesians 2:1-3)

Of such dead ones, even among those claiming to be God's people, Christ says:

"Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:60)

And what manner of preaching of the kingdom might we expect this to be?

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." (Ephesians 5:14)

We may give this testimony as ones having arisen from death and into light ourselves:

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:4-6)

Are we sitting together in heavenly places in Christ?

That is the promise, and it is past tense - "hath raised," "and made." If we are sitting in heavenly places, we will not seek light among the spiritually dead, for "Christ shall give thee light." If we are sitting in heavenly places, we will not seek fellowship among the spiritually dead, for we are "raised up together." Together, not alone; we thus "sit together in heavenly places."

Adriel777: Amen

Lucan: Note that it is those that have been quickened (made alive) who sit together; those who are no longer dead do not sit together with those who are still in the grave. Not one has the Spirit of Christ while they commit known sin. As it is written:

"Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother." (1 John 3:6-10) (LMK)

Zahakiel: Finished.

Pastor Chick: F

Ruthline: F

Elyna: F

Adriel777: F

Barb: F

daphna dee: F

Peter_Jr_18: F

Lucan: "Manifest" is what John describes; it is evident, it is apparent. Those who do righteousness have a testimony of righteousness, for they overcome "by the blood of the lamb, and the word of their testimony." Those that love their brother do not spurn unity with them, but rather seek it as the inheritance of Christ. We may see that many false ministers, even among professed Adventism, fall very short of both of these requirements. "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil."

We read again:

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."
(Romans 8:9-11)

It is the Spirit that gives life, and that, "because of righteousness." Those who do not do righteousness do not have the Spirit of life. Those who do not do righteousness do not have Christ in them. Those who do not have the Spirit of Christ in them are "none of his." Those who are none of his are yet dead in trespasses and sins, and not among the living.

Shall the people of the living God go to such dead ones for light and wisdom, and yet remain innocent of spiritualism? "Is there not a God in Israel?"

When Ezekiel was called to the valley of the dry bones, he was not called to pray to the bones, or to seek counsel of the bones, or to inquire what message the bones might have for him. Were they not dead? Rather, he was sent with a message to give:

"Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:4-6)

Ezekiel's message to the dead was to hear the word of Yahweh, and thus, to come to life. This is the message Yahweh gives everyone to bear who has received His life; the dead may bury their dead, but we are to "preach the kingdom of God."

And what result may be expected?

Even the same as we have experienced ourselves:

"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken [it], and performed [it], saith the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:10-14) (LMK)

Pastor Chick: F

Ruthline: F

Barb: F

Adriel777: F

Zahakiel: Finished.

Elyna: F

daphna dee: F

Lucan: Is it not so that Yahweh has opened our graves and brought us out of them? Is it not so that He has put His spirit within us, and we thus live? Is it not so that He "hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son?" (Colossians 1:13)

Thus, so much better than placing us in our own land, He has "made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Pastor Chick: HalleluYAH!

Adriel777: Amen

Lucan: Shall we not prophesy this to the dry bones who have not yet accepted the Word of Life, and have not yet been raised up by the Spirit to quicken their mortal bodies? If we are living, we have a message to bear to the dead; let us do so faithfully.

If we are not living, we have a life to receive from Yahweh that will never be found among the dead; let us not waste time seeking wisdom among the uninspired and unbelieving. For those who are yet dead in old doctrines, unable to see and hear the signs of the times, let us heed the warnings of Christ:

"And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was [taken] out of the new agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old [wine] straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better." (Luke 5:36-39)

We find many in our ministry who prefer the old wine, and are themselves unequipped to receive the new from the keepers of Christ's vineyard. Let us not be drunken with such, but rather "take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." (Matthew 16:6) This leaven is both doctrine (Matthew 16:12) and hypocrisy (Luke 12:1).

Those who have doctrines without the true gospel cannot help but be hypocrites, for they teach what they have no power to obey. To one who is comfortable in such hypocrisy there is little hope; these prefer the old wine, and have no desire for the new bottles or their contents. The most correct of doctrines, when presented by one who does not live them, will contain deadly leaven.

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." (Luke 6:45)

If the heart is not made new, then hypocrisy is preserved through self-justification; one who does not live the gospel must justify this to themselves if they are to preach it, or any of the truths or requirements of God. Self-justification will necessarily pervert the truth as it is in Yahshua, for the truth as it is in Yahshua is wholly incompatible with self-justification. Any false belief held in the heart to justify disobedience will come forth in the teaching; for "of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." The more subtle the deviation, the more dangerous it is to those preserving a pure faith, and the deadlier it is to those who have yet to be grounded in that faith.

To one who is not comfortable in such hypocrisy, they may well cry out, "our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are cut off for our parts." It is to these that we, as Ezekiel, are sent; let us deliver our message with the same faithfulness, turning neither to the right hand nor the left, that we might see the same results to the glory of Yahweh:

"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." (Ezekiel 37:10)

This is the final result of those who heed the first angel's message, worshipping Yahweh in the fear of holiness, for the hour of His judgment has come.

"The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I [do] this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth." (Isaiah 38:19)

Are there any comments on the study tonight?

Adriel777: Amen

Pastor Chick: C

Lucan: Go ahead

Pastor Chick: I think it is incumbent on every Church member to promote our CSDA resources everywhere possible, including on social media. It is an emergency, and the dry bones need life. END

Lucan: Are there any other comments? If not, I'll ask Pastor to offer a closing prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in Heaven. We thank You for raising us up together and giving us a seat in Heaven. Thank You for giving us the Life that none can take away. Thank You for cleansing us from every stench of spiritualism, every bit of secularism, all unrighteousness. Thank You, dear Father, that we have new wine in new vessels,

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adequate for our time and perfect for our change and readiness for final bodily translation. May Your people believe what is true and necessary to endure unto the end. In Yahshua's holy name, Amen.

Barb: Amen

Adriel777: Amen

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Lucan: Amen

Naraiel: Amen

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