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DIVINE OR DECEPTIVE?
DISCERNING THE SOURCE OF YOUR DREAMS

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the origin of dreams based on scripture and how to discern which spirit is influencing them.

2. **Current Event:** TPUSA RESPONDS: Yes, The Text Messages Are Real. | Candace Ep 249
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=5autG89PW6w>

Candace Owens Says Charlie Kirk Spoke to Her in a Dream | Ruslan KD 10/8/2025
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=4QJyHbPyJns>

3. What is one way dreams come to us? Ecclesiastes 5:3

a) Can Satan inspire people with dreams? For what purpose? Revelation 16:14; Jeremiah 27:9-10; Deuteronomy 13:1-3

b) Why does God give people dreams? Daniel 2:28-29

4. Are there examples of heathen people (non-Jews) to whom God gave dreams? See a short list below.

a) Genesis 20:1-7

b) Genesis 41:1-7

c) Daniel 2:1, 28-29; Daniel 4:5, 10-18

d) Matthew 2:1-3, 11-12

e) Matthew 27:17, 19

5. **Note:** Why did and why does God send dreams to individuals who are not His chosen people? He does it so that He can show His power, tell the future, and persuade them that He is the real and all-powerful God of the universe. As we approach the final days of earth's history, Acts 2:17-18 lets us know that God will pour out His spirit upon His chosen people and they will prophesy, have visions, and dream dreams.

6. How can we know if the message in a dream is from God or from Satan, our lying, deceptive enemy?

a) Deuteronomy 18:21-22

b) Deuteronomy 13:1-4

7. **Note:** Let us now address what the Bible says occurs when a person dies. Do they have an immortal soul or do they abide in the grave until the appointed resurrections?
8. Is there consciousness in the grave? Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10; Psalm 146:3-4; Job 14:10, 21
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9. What happens to our dead loved ones who lived a righteous life? Are they praising God in heaven right now? Psalm 115:17; Psalm 6:4-5; Isaiah 38:18, 19
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- a) Where is the righteous King David? Is he in heaven right now? Acts 2:29, 34
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10. Can the dead come back to visit and communicate with their loved ones who are living? Job 7:7-10
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11. **Note:** A popular belief among Christendom is that a soul is a separate entity from our body that lives on after we die. However, this is contrary to what the Bible teaches.
12. What is the Biblical formula that comprises a soul? Genesis 2:7
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13. Who does the word "soul" refer to in various passages of the Bible? Exodus 1:5; 1 Peter 3:20; Acts 2:41; Acts 27:37
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14. Can a soul die? Ezekiel 18:4, 20; Revelation 16:2, 3
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15. **Note:** Many Christians use Philippians 1:23-24 and 2 Corinthians 5:8 to argue that Paul taught that 'being absent from the body and present with the Lord' means when a righteous person dies, their earthly body remains on earth and their spirit immediately goes to heaven.
16. Since Paul is the author of both books, let us see how he explains himself. Based on 2 Corinthians 5:4, what occurrence was Paul looking forward to, signaling that the righteous would be 'absent from the body and present with the Lord'? Job 14:14; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55
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17. **Note:** The account of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31 has perplexed many people on the subject of hell and what happens after death. Based on this parable, some make the assumption that when you die, you immediately go to heaven or hell and if you end up in hell, you will burn for all eternity. Let us analyze this passage to get the proper understanding.
18. Read Luke 16:19-31. Is this passage literal or figurative? Luke 15:1-3 **Answer:** It's a parable. Luke 15 begins a series of parables that Jesus explains which continue into Luke chapter 16 with the account of the rich man and Lazarus. Jesus was trying to show them how they treated sinners and how sinners are treated by our loving God. The final point of the parable is that once we die, our decision for Christ or against Him is fixed and we cannot change afterwards (Luke 16:26-31).
19. What is one lesson being taught in this parable? Luke 16:25, 26; Revelation 22:11, 12; Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10 **Answer:** We will be judged according to what we do in this life and there is no repentance when in the grave. Our decisions are final.
20. What is another lesson being taught in this parable? Luke 16:27-31; John 11:43-45, 53; John 12:37 **Answer:** If we, like the Pharisees, have our hearts hardened to God's Word and truth, then no miracle can change our hearts. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, but the Pharisees still wouldn't be convinced that Jesus was the Messiah.

21. Another scripture used to suggest that the dead can communicate with the living is found in Revelation 6:9-11. Since it is clear from the Bible that the dead know nothing, what does this text mean? **Answer:** The type of speech in this text is called personification: a type of language that assigns human qualities, actions, or emotions to inanimate objects or abstract ideas. Here are some examples in scripture. Compare Hebrews 11:4 with Genesis 4:8, 10. Abel's blood did not literally speak to God from the ground, but that language communicates the care of God for His faithful martyrs. Hebrews 12:24 says that Jesus' blood speaks "better things than that of Abel" but we know Jesus' blood doesn't literally speak. Other examples of personification in scripture can be found in Habakkuk 2:11 and Luke 19:40 where Jesus says that "the stones would immediately cry out."

22. What counsel and warning are we given in scripture regarding preparation for these last days?

a) 2 Timothy 2:15

b) 1 Timothy 4:1
