

QUESTION: Can our relatives and friends who have passed on help or know what is happening on earth, and can God use them in our lives?

ANSWER: No, to both questions. They definitely **CANNOT** enter in or help in our lives, because **Luke 16:26** says, "And besides all this, between us and you **there is a great gulf** fixed, so that **those who want to pass from here to you cannot**, nor can those from there pass to us." We are forbidden by God from trying to contact the dead IN ANY WAY. **Deuteronomy 18:9-12** "When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you SHALL NOT LEARN TO IMITATE the **detestable** things of those nations. There SHALL NOT be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire (HUMAN SACRIFICE), or one who uses divination (FORTUNE TELLING), or one who practices WITCHCRAFT, or one who interprets omens (PSYCHICS), or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or one who CONSULTS WITH FAMILIAR SPIRITS, or a spiritist, or **ONE WHO CALLS UP THE DEAD** (seances). For whoever **does these things is DETESTABLE to the Lord.....**but as for you, the Lord your God HAS NOT ALLOWED YOU TO DO SO."

As far as KNOWING what is going on down on earth, the Bible seems to indicate that **they can know only certain GENERAL EVENTS** (see **Rev. 6:9-11**), and ONLY as God ALLOWS them to. They cannot see and follow the details of our lives, because that would include knowing when we sin. **Rev. 21:4** says there will be no more tears or sorrow in heaven, and **I Cor. 13:12** says we will know and think like God when we get to heaven, so our loved ones could not see our sin, because they would be grieved over it, and could not look on sin indulgently as we do here on earth.

God does not use our relatives or friends who have gone on to heaven to assist us in our lives, He uses His ANGELS. People who die DO NOT BECOME ANGELS!!! Angels are created beings totally separate from the human creation. **GOD USES HIS ANGELS TO SERVE & PROTECT BELIEVERS IN CHRIST:**

- **Hebrews 1:14** "Are they not all ministering SPIRITS, sent forth to render service on behalf of those who will inherit salvation?"
- **Psalms 91:11-12** "For He will give His ANGELS charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone."
- **Isa. 63:8-9** "So He became their Savior. In all their affliction, He was afflicted, and the ANGEL of His presence saved them."
- **Genesis 24:7,40** ".....The Lord, before whom I have walked, will send His ANGEL with you to make your journey successful...."
- **Acts 12:7-11** "....an ANGEL of the Lord suddenly appeared , and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and roused him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And his chains fell off his hands.....And when Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His ANGEL and rescued me from the hand of Herod.'"
- **Acts 5:18-20** "....but an ANGEL of the Lord during the night opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, 'Go your way, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.'"
- **Also read II Kings 6:8-17; II Chron. 32:7-8,21**