

QUESTION: Does the Bible say anything about "near death experiences"?

ANSWER: A "near death experience" merely means it was NOT that person's time to die, and either God or man-made machines RESUSCITATED the person. In cases where people have felt **their spirit leave their body** and hover over the room, or even "go down a tunnel" or "go to heaven", we must examine their experience, and compare it to the word of God as to whether it was of God or of Satan. Some people have had REAL visions of heaven, but others have come back with the "message" that "everyone will go to heaven" if they live a good life, etc. This message is usually given by an **"angel" or even a spirit PRETENDING to be Jesus**, but if the message is contrary to what God's word ALREADY TEACHES, we know it could not have been a message from God. The Bible DOES SAY a lot about Satan, and how he DECEIVES people. I believe we will see more and more of this kind of thing as the Second Coming of Christ draws near.

- **II Cor. 11:13-15** "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, DISGUIISING THEMSELVES AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST. And no wonder, for even **SATAN DISGUIISES HIMSELF AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT**. Therefore it is not surprising if his SERVANTS ALSO DISGUIISE THEMSELVES as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds."
- **I John 4:1-3** "Beloved, **do not believe EVERY SPIRIT**, but **TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD**; because **many false prophets** have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSES THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS COME IN THE FLESH is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST, of which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world." (see **Phil. 2:5-11** for definition of "Jesus Christ coming in the flesh")
- **Galatians 1:6-9** "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a DIFFERENT GOSPEL; which is REALLY **NOT ANOTHER**, only there are some who are disturbing you, and WANT TO DISTORT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. But even though we, or **an ANGEL FROM HEAVEN**, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached, let him be accursed....if any man is preaching to you A GOSPEL CONTRARY TO THAT WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED, let him be accursed."
- **II Cor. 11:1-4** "...But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of Christ. For if one comes and preaches **ANOTHER JESUS** whom we have not preached, or **you receive a DIFFERENT SPIRIT** which you have not received, or a DIFFERENT GOSPEL which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.
- **I Timothy 4:1** "Now the Spirit expressly says that **in the last days** some will depart from the faith, giving heed to SEDUCING SPIRITS and DOCTRINES OF DEMONS; speaking LIES in hypocrisy..."

For examples of "near death" experiences in the Bible, and to see what God's word says about **the spirit leaving and RETURNING TO the body**, read Luke 8:49-55, II Corinthians 5:6-8, II Kings 4:18-37, Acts 20:7-12, I Kings 17:17-23.