

Biblical answers about the soul of man

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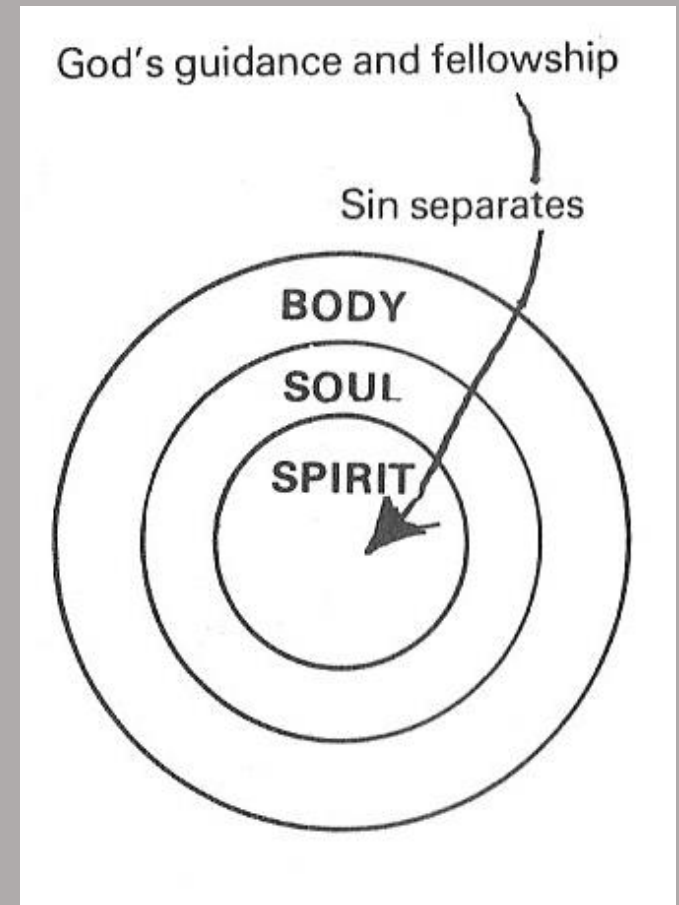
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What is the nature of man?

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul”

(Matthew 10:28a)



Why is it important to know about the soul?

The soul must prosper for us to prosper in God.

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” (3 John 2)

“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Psalm 103:1,2)

Soul



Mind
Will
Emotions

How does the Bible use the word 'soul'?

The Bible uses the word 'soul' in 2 ways:

In reference to the whole person, such as “Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.” (Acts 7:14)

In reference to part of the inner man, such as “And Mary said, My* soul doth magnify the Lord” (Luke 1:46)

* This shows that the soul is a part of the person.

What are the characteristics of the soul?

It is the seat of a man's personality with 3 components.

MIND: “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Psalm 103:2; see also Deuteronomy 4:9a)

WILL: “I will complain in the bitterness of my soul” (Job 7:11b)

EMOTIONS: “My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death” (see Mark 14:34)

Does the 'soul' mean 'breath' or 'life'?

It is obvious from using the proper Bible (the Authorized King James Version) that the soul is not just the 'breath' or 'life':

- There are Scriptures that show the soul to be separate from the body.
- Many Scriptures relate the soul to mind, will and emotion functions.
- The use of 'my', 'our', 'thy' etc with the soul shows it to be a part of a person.
- There are many Scriptures showing the soul can be affected in good or bad ways that are related to the heart or inner man.

What is the nature of death?

For believers in Christ, the inner man departs as follows:

“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.” (Philippians 1:23,24)

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:8)

“For as the body without the spirit is dead” (James 2:26)

What is the nature of death?

The body without the spirit and soul
takes on the appearance of sleep:

“And many of them that sleep in the
dust* of the earth shall awake

[resurrection of the body]” (Daniel 12:2a)

“... as her soul was in departing, (for
she died) ...” (see Genesis 35:18)

* This refutes the false doctrine of “soul sleep”.



SPECIAL NOTE

Many modern 'bible' versions destroy the proper doctrine of the soul, such as in the following:

The TRUE says: “And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni” (Genesis 35:18a, KJB)

The FALSE says: “As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni.” (Genesis 35:18a, NIV)

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The TRUE says: “And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.” (1 Kings 17:22, KJB)

The FALSE says: “The Lord answered Elijah’s prayer, and the boy started breathing again.” (1 Kings 17:22, CEV)

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The TRUE says: "He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light." (Job 33:28, KJB)

The FALSE says: "God has delivered me from going down to the pit, and I shall live to enjoy the light of life." (Job 33:28, NIV)

What are good things for the soul?

Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
Leviticus 16:31	“ye shall afflict your souls”
Numbers 30:2	“swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond”
Deuteronomy 4:9	“keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget”
Deuteronomy 4:29	“seek him ... with all thy soul”
Deuteronomy 6:5	“love the LORD thy God ... with all thy soul”
Deuteronomy 10:12	“serve the LORD thy God ... with all thy soul”
Deuteronomy 14:26	“whatsoever thy soul desireth”

What are good things for the soul?

Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
Deuteronomy 13:10	“turn unto the LORD thy God ... with all thy soul”
Joshua 23:14	“ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls”
1 Samuel 1:26	“poured out my soul before the LORD”
1 Samuel 17:55	“As thy soul liveth”
1 Samuel 18:1	“the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David”
1 Samuel 26:21	“my soul was precious in thine eyes”
2 Samuel 4:9	“redeemed my soul out of all adversity”

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Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
1 Kings 2:4	“walk before me in truth ... with all their soul”
1 Chronicles 22:19	“set your heart and your soul to seek”
Job 33:28	“He will deliver his soul”
Psalms 13:2	“I take counsel in my soul”
Psalms 17:13	“deliver my soul from the wicked”
Psalms 19:7	“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul
Psalms 23:3	“He restoreth my soul”

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Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
Psalm 25:1	“Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul
Psalm 25:13	“His soul shall dwell at ease”
Psalm 25:20	“O keep my soul”
Psalm 26:9	“Gather not my soul with sinners”
Psalm 33:20	“Our soul waiteth for the LORD”
Psalm 34:2	“My soul shall make her boast in the LORD”
Psalm 35:9	“my soul shall be joyful in the LORD”

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Psalm 35:13	“I humbled my soul with fasting”
Psalm 35:17	“rescue my soul from their destructions”
Psalm 42:1	“so panteth my soul after thee, O God”
Psalm 42:2	“My soul thirsteth for God”
Psalm 49:18	“while he lived he blessed his soul”
Psalm 54:4	“the Lord is with them that uphold my soul”
Psalm 57:1	“my soul trusteth in thee”

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Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
Psalm 63:5	“My soul shall be satisfied”
Psalm 63:8	“My soul followeth hard after thee”
Psalm 72:13	“He ... shall save the souls of the needy”
Psalm 84:2	“My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD”
Psalm 86:2	“Preserve my soul; for I am holy”
Psalm 86:4	“Rejoice the soul of thy servant”
Psalm 94:19	“thy comforts delight my soul”

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Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
Psalm 97:10	“he preserveth the souls of his saints”
Psalm 103:1	“Bless the LORD, O my soul”
Psalm 107:9	“filleth the hungry soul with goodness”
Psalm 119:167	“My soul hath kept thy testimonies”
Psalm 121:7	“he shall preserve thy soul”
Psalm 124:7	“Our soul is escaped as a bird”
Psalm 131:2	“my soul is even as a weaned child”

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Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
Psalm 138:3	“strength in my soul”
Psalm 142:7	“Bring my soul out of prison”
Psalm 146:1	“Praise the LORD, O my soul”
Proverbs 2:10	“knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul”
Proverbs 11:17	“The merciful man doeth good to his own soul”
Proverbs 13:4	“the soul of the diligent shall be made fat”
Proverbs 13:19	“The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul”

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Proverbs 13:25	“the satisfying of his soul”
Proverbs 16:17	“keepeth his way preserveth his soul”
Proverbs 16:24	“Pleasant words are ... sweet to the soul”
Proverbs 19:8	“He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul”
Proverbs 25:13	“he refresheth the soul”
Proverbs 25:25; 27:7	“a thirsty soul”, “the hungry soul”
Proverbs 29:17	“delight unto thy soul”

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Ecclesiastes 2:24	“his soul enjoy good in his labour”
Ecclesiastes 6:2	“he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth”
Song of Solomon 1:7	“O thou whom my soul loveth”
Isaiah 55:2	“let your soul delight itself in fatness”
Jeremiah 4:19	“because thou hast heard, O my soul”
Jeremiah 6:16	“ye shall find rest for your souls”
Jeremiah 31:12	“their soul shall be as a watered garden”

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Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
Lamentations 1:16	“the comforter that should relieve my soul”
Lamentations 3:24	“The LORD is my portion, saith my soul”
Ezekiel 4:14	“my soul hath not been polluted”
Luke 1:46	“My soul doth magnify the Lord”
Luke 21:19	“In your patience possess ye your souls”
Acts 14:22	“Confirming the souls of the disciples”
Hebrews 6:19	“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul”

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Bible Reference	Goodness for the soul
James 1:21	“the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls”
1 Peter 1:22	“purified your souls in obeying the truth”
1 Peter 4:19	“commit the keeping of their souls to him”
3 John 2	“even as thy soul prospereth”

What are bad things for the soul?

Bible Reference	Adversity for the soul
Genesis 42:21	“we saw the anguish of his soul”
Numbers 11:6	“our soul is dried away”
Deuteronomy 12:15	“whatsoever thy soul lusteth after”
Deuteronomy 12:20	“thy soul longeth”
Deuteronomy 13:6	“thine own soul, entice thee secretly”
Judges 10:16	“his soul was grieved”
Judges 16:16	“his soul was vexed unto death”

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Bible Reference	Adversity for the soul
1 Samuel 1:10	“she was in bitterness of soul”
1 Samuel 24:11	“thou huntest my soul to take it”
Job 7:15	“my soul chooseth strangling”
Job 10:1	“My soul is weary of my life”
Job 14:22	“his soul within him shall mourn”
Job 24:12	“the soul of the wounded crieth out”
Job 30:15	“they pursue my soul as the wind”

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Bible Reference	Adversity for the soul
Job 31:30	“wishing a curse to his soul”
Psalms 7:2	“he tear my soul like a lion”
Psalms 7:5	“the enemy persecute my soul”
Psalms 24:4	“lifted up his soul unto vanity”
Psalms 31:7	“my soul in adversities”
Psalms 35:12	“the spoiling of my soul”
Psalms 42:5	“Why art thou cast down, O my soul?”

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Bible Reference	Adversity for the soul
Psalm 44:25	“our soul is bowed down to the dust”
Psalm 71:13	“adversaries to my soul”
Psalm 77:2	“my soul refused to be comforted”
Psalm 88:3	“my soul is full of troubles”
Psalm 94:17	“my soul had almost dwelt in silence”
Psalm 106:15	“leanness into their soul”
Psalm 107:18	“Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat”

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Psalm 107:26	“their soul is melted because of trouble”
Psalm 109:20	“them that speak evil against my soul”
Psalm 109:31	“those that condemn his soul”
Psalm 119:109	“My soul is continually in my hand”
Psalm 123:4	“Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning”
Psalm 141:8	“leave not my soul destitute”
Proverbs 6:32	“he that doeth it [adultery] destroyeth his own soul”

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Bible Reference	Adversity for the soul
Proverbs 8:36	“he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul”
Proverbs 13:2	“the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence”
Proverbs 15:32	“refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul”
Proverbs 18:7	“his lips are the snare of his soul”
Proverbs 19:2	“the soul be without knowledge, it is not good”
Proverbs 20:2	“sinneth against his own soul”
Proverbs 21:10	“The soul of the wicked desireth evil”

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Bible Reference	Adversity for the soul
Proverbs 29:24	“Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul”
Song of Solomon 5:6	“my soul failed when he spake”
Isaiah 29:8; 32:6	“his soul is empty”
Jeremiah 4:31	“my soul is wearied”
Jeremiah 13:17	“my soul shall weep ... for your pride”
Habakkuk 2:4	“his soul which is lifted up is not upright”
1 Peter 2:11	“fleshly lusts, which war against the soul”

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Bible Reference	Adversity for the soul
2 Peter 2:8	“vexed his righteous soul”

Is there healing for the soul?

“I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.” (Psalm 41:4)

“He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.” (Psalm 23:3)



What is salvation of the soul?

“But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.” (Hebrews 10:39)

“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21)

“yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”

(1 Peter 1:8,9)

What is salvation of the soul?

Salvation of the soul = the soul (mind, will and emotions) is changed to conform to Christ.

It is washed by the water of the Word of God and obedience to it (see Ephesians 5:26 & 1 Peter 1:22).

It is renewed to be separate from the world's ways of thinking (see Romans 12:2).

It is prospered in Christ (see 3 John 2).

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