

DEATH #2

Is it possible to communicate with the dead? Do the dead have the ability to return to the realm of the living for either good or evil purposes? Not according to what Christ tells us in Luke 16:19-31.

There we have the story of a righteous poor man named Lazarus and an unnamed rich man who was wicked. Both died, with Lazarus entering into eternal comfort and the rich man eternal torment. When the rich man realized that his fate would never change, he asked Abraham to send someone to his father's house to warn his brothers, so they did not end up coming to where he was. Abraham's response was in effect, no. He said that they had Moses and the Prophets, they should hear them. That was Abraham's way of saying that the Old Testament Scriptures told how to live to avoid eternal punishment, they needed to read God's word and then live by it. Now let's see the last part of this discussion in Luke 16 verses 30-31, "But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

So don't look for a message or a messenger from the dead. They're not coming. Instead look to the Bible. If we will listen to what God tells there and obey the gospel of Christ now, we can be assured of eternal comfort when we die, right along with Abraham and Lazarus and the rest of the righteous.