

**How to use Talk it Over:**

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family/friends turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

**Pastor Tim's Main Idea:**

Because mankind sleeps in the dust of the ground in an unconscious state until the resurrection day, those that impersonate the dead are fallen angels.

**Key Questions:**

- Death is certain, so why is it so difficult for many of us to talk about death? Based on what has been shared, do you think death is something to fear?
- Have you ever heard of a ghost or spirit appearing and communicating with someone?
- According to 2 Corinthians 5, we will get a new body when we get to heaven. What do you think your new body will be like?
- Why do you think Satan uses the loss of loved ones in death to deceive people? Why do you think God asks us not to communicate with these "spirits"?
- Do you think the being that came up from the ground was the prophet Samuel in 1 Samuel 28?
- How can we test a spirit- or know it is from God?

**Next Steps**

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

**Daily Bible Readings**

Learn more about what God's Word says about the Hereafter by reading and talking over the following Bible passages.

- Day 1: Daniel 12:1-2
- Day 2: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- Day 3: 1 Corinthians 15:22-23
- Day 4: 1 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 18:23
- Day 5: 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10; Revelation 16:13-14
- Day 6: Revelation 13:13-14
- Day 7: Deuteronomy 18:10-13; 1 John 4:1,4

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## PART THREE: THE HAUNTED

### **Ancient Celtic Origin**

*"The first day of November was also the Day of the Dead, a time when it was believed that souls of those who had died during the year were allowed access to the land of the living. It was a time when people believed that spirits were wandering the earth as well." Steve Russo, Halloween*

### **Christians Redefinition**

*"Many traditional beliefs and customs associated with Samhain- most notably that night was the time of the wandering dead, the practice of leaving offerings of food and drink to masked and costumed partyers, and the lighting of bonfires-continued to be practiced on October 31. This day became known as the Eve of All Saint's Day, the Eve of All Hallow's, or All Hallow's Eve." Steve Russo, Halloween*

### **Resting in the Grave**

*"And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2*

### **2 Corinthians 5**

*"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming." 1 Corinthians 15:22-23*

### **Who Are People Talking To?**

*"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons." 1 Timothy 4:1*

*"Through sorcery all nations were deceived." Revelation 18:23*

*"The one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10*

*"And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty." Revelation 16:13-14*

*"He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men, and he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform." Revelation 13:13-14*

### **Not of God**

*"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 18:10-13*

### **1 Samuel 28:3-25**

*"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....You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:1,4*