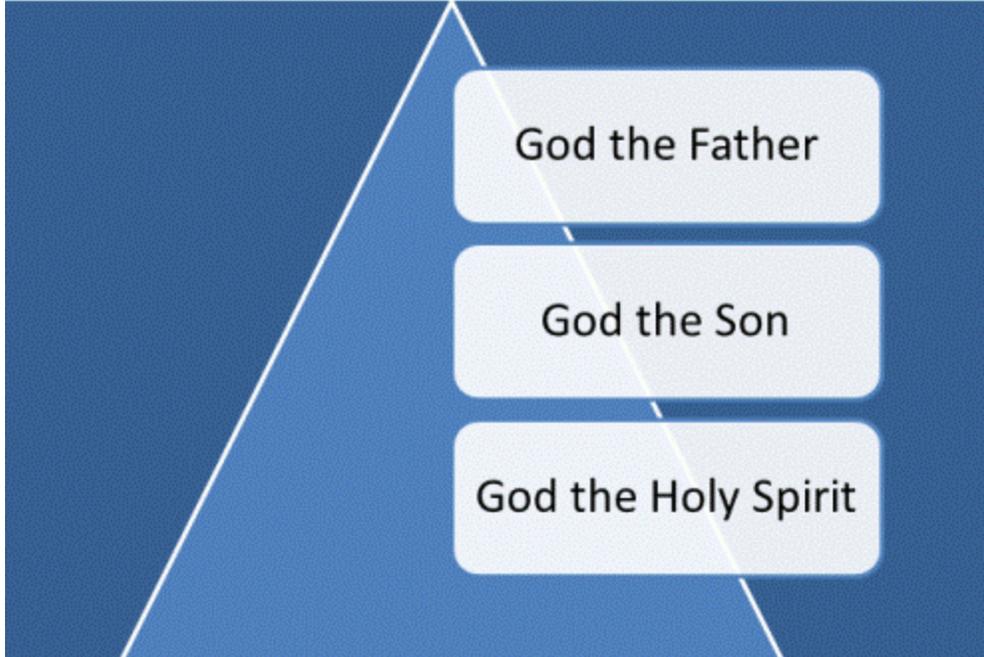


Lesson 32: Jehovah's Witnesses Part 3

Lesson Introduction



In this lesson, we will begin by taking a look at the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.) While it is too much for the human mind to completely comprehend, we will examine some Scriptures that show us that there is one God existing in three eternal persons.

Next we will

consider the soul of man. Is man a soul, or does he have a soul? We will answer that question in light of Scriptures that show man was made in the image of God.

Finally, we will look at an issue that should cause us to be better soulwinners, and that is the issue of Hell. Hell is real; Jesus spoke more on hell than He did on Heaven. We will examine some Scriptural facts surrounding it, and investigate whether or not it is eternal.

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Topic 1: The Trinity

How to witness to Jehovah Witnesses. And why would I want to study that? Well, let me tell you. In studying this, you can learn an awful lot about the Bible. And that's what we want to do tonight, is learn

an awful lot about the Bible. You know, we've been covering what the Jehovah Witnesses don't believe. They don't believe Jesus was God. We've covered that. They don't believe in the Trinity, the Father, Son, [and] the Holy Spirit. But the cults do not believe in the Trinity. They do not believe Jesus is God. Almost the first way to always tell a cult is what do they believe about Jesus? Anyway, last week, you know, we showed the Trinity—the Father being God, the Holy Spirit being God, Jesus being God. Well, that's what we're going to look at tonight is Jesus is God. And this is really a big issue. You say, "Why does it matter?" Well, if Jesus is not God, you're not saved. That's why it's a big issue. Jehovah Witnesses, with all their work, all their knocking on doors, are not saved. Salvation is not what we do—it's what Christ did. And in salvation, it's always grace versus works. And you'll always find that's the issue, grace versus works. Matthew 28:19, the first verse we're going to cover tonight—and I think this is [an] incredible verse, showing that Jesus is God. You say, "Where does it say that?" I read this, and this verse is, by the way, called the Great Commission. [It is] a very important verse in the Bible. It says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". You say, "How does that prove that Jesus was God?" It proves it very easily. "Baptizing them in the name" – singular in the Greek – of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If there were three gods, or if there was one God and one was a created being, and the other were just God's power, as Jehovah Witnesses say, then the verse would have to say to baptize in the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, right. When it says "Baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," meaning that Jesus is fully God. Jesus is fully God. You know, God's very exact, and He lets us know in this verse that though there is only one God, there is a triune God.

Assignment:

Memorize Matthew 28:19

QUESTION 1

The benefit in studying the teachings of other groups is that you learn more about the Bible. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 2

What is the first way to tell if a group is a cult? Answer: _____

- A. Grace vs. Works
- B. Baptism
- C. Jesus is God
- D. Lordship Salvation

QUESTION 3

Why is the issue of Jesus being God an important issue?

QUESTION 4

Matthew 28:19 is proof that Jesus and God are separate. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

3, Yet 1

Now, the Trinity. You know, John Wesley I think had a very good example. You know, he said that there's three candles. You have three candles, three lights. Three distinct lights, but show me where one light ends and the other begins. There's one glow, three lights, and yet one glow. There's one God, three distinct Persons, and yet one God, one glow. Our body—soul, spirit, and body—one person yet three distinct parts. Yet if we were God, we could separate these parts. That's just vague ways to try to explain the Trinity. But Deuteronomy 6:4—it's another verse that proves that Jesus is God. It says, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD". You say, "I don't see that, Pastor. How do you come up with that?" Well, this particular case, this word is Elohim. He could have used other words. And it means "three or more". And the word "God" here, the word "God," G-o-d, is the word Elohim. "Hear, O Israel: That Jehovah, our Elohim, is one LORD". Elohim means in the Hebrew plural. Plural is not like we would have two. It's three or more. So we have here God being very exact—one. And there's other verses, by the way, other words that could have been used for one. "Echod," and it means "a unity" – that word could have been used, but it wasn't. "Yachid," and it's a word [that] means "absolute one". It could have been used, but it wasn't. It was the word "Elohim," and it means "three". God is very exact. Right that verse right there teaches the Trinity. It's very important for us to be able to understand that. Jehovah Witnesses have a very hard time with that.

QUESTION 5

Which illustration is a good example of the Trinity? Answer: _____

- A. An apple
- B. 3 mirrors
- C. 3 candles in a bright room
- D. 3 candles in a dark room

QUESTION 6

Plural in the Hebrew does not mean the same as plural does in our English. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 7

In Deuteronomy 6:4, the word "God" means: (*Select all that apply.*)

Answer: _____

- A. Elohim
- B. Jehovah
- C. Yahweh
- D. Three

Topic 2: The Soul of Man

Now we're going to look at another doctrine Jehovah Witnesses mess up—man according to the Witnesses. Man according to the Witnesses. The Witnesses say, the JW's, man is a soul, but man does not have a soul. Now we believe man has a soul. You say, "Now what is the difference?" See, an animal does not possess a soul, but we do. Our soul's going to live forever. Now according to Jehovah Witnesses, our soul is us. We die, that's it. They said that the serpent, the devil, is the one who originated the doctrine of the inherent immortality of the soul. That's what they claim. They claim it very strongly. Now Jehovah

Witnesses say we don't have a soul, but now let's look at the Word of God. Remember the Bible is the only thing you can take for your authority. And the Word of God's not that hard to understand. It really isn't. You have to be taught these kind of things, because if you just read the Bible, you would understand it, because the Bible is simple. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "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." That's pretty clear, isn't it? "I pray God your whole spirit, soul, [and] body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Boy, that proves it right there. But there's a lot more. We need to be able to see the others. Look at 3 John 1:2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul [prospereth]." What do you mean your soul prospers? See, soul is your eternal. It's the one that's going to live on. The soul prospers. How does your soul prosper? The things from God, the Word of God, and learning the things of God—because it's our eternity that's going to count. We're going to have a body in Heaven, too, but it's going to be a new body. But it's going to look like this body.

Assignment:

Memorize Jude 1:7

QUESTION 8

There is a difference in being a soul and possessing a soul. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 9

When studying whether a doctrine is true or not, we should make sure we consult several commentaries. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 10

Which Scripture references the body, soul, and spirit? Answer: _____

- A. Revelation 20:12
- B. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- C. 2 Thessalonians 5:23
- D. 3 John 1:2

QUESTION 11

3 John 1:2 tells us that our soul will live forever. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

In the Image of God

I think Genesis 1:26 is another proof that man has a soul, not man is a soul: "[And] God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:" – so there's [the] Trinity. Man is going to be in God's image, so we're going to be a triune. We're going to have a body, soul, and a spirit. Make man "after our likeness: [and] let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, [and] over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, [and over] all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Let's look at another one. Boy, this is a good one. Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of [the] joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Now let's don't miss the power of that verse. First of all, let's don't miss that the Word of God is sharper and more powerful than a

twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. That's why people today hate the Bible. Now very clearly here, "piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." So it clearly tells us that we've got a soul and a spirit and a body. It also tells you how sharp the Word of God is and it is powerful. When you're witnessing, remember what I told you: stay on the gospel, because it's powerful. I've seen things that were just literally impossible, yet I've seen people get saved I thought had no opportunity to be saved.

QUESTION 12

Man is made in the image of God; therefore man is composed of 3 in 1 as well. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 13

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God divides: (*Select all that apply.*) Answer: _____

- A. Soul
- B. Spirit
- C. Thoughts
- D. Joints
- E. Marrow
- F. Intentions

QUESTION 14

The power in witnessing is having a convincing argument for people. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 3: Eternal Hell

Death and Hell as taught by the Watchtower Society—now that's their magazine, Watchtower. Here's what they say, "The penalty of the second chance for life will be second death, which is annihilation." They believe that when you die, you're annihilated. They say God is too good to sustain an everlasting Hell. Now first of all, God's goodness has got nothing to do with whether there is an eternal Hell or not. See, we say God's too good to have an eternal Hell, but you got to remember that God does not let [sin] go unpunished. And the great rejection of Jesus Christ is a tremendous rejection. They believe the grave and physical death are the only Hell. In other words, you die and you're in the grave, and that's the physical Hell. The good ones are going to make it down here to the Earth, 144,000. "The doctrine of eternal torment is as false as its author, the devil." They like to claim everything that they don't like is the author of the devil. "It is so plain that the Bible Hell is in the tomb, the grave, that even an honest, little child can understand it, but not for the religious theologians." By the way, this was in Let God be True, their pamphlet, page 72. The doctrine of Eternal Torment was in Creation, page 341, and The Grave and Physical Death Are the Only Hell, and Their Reconciliation, page 289.

Assignment:

Memorize Revelation 14:11

QUESTION 15

Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe in eternal hell. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 16

It is the rejection of Jesus Christ that sends people to hell. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 17

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that everything they don't like is taught by _____.

Answer: _____

Everlasting Punishment

Now let's look at death and Hell as taught by the Bible. Death and Hell as taught by the Bible. Listen, I wish the Bible didn't teach an eternal Hell, but it's there. I wish it wasn't, but it is there. You say, "Well, I can't accept that." Well, that's because you don't understand the love of God. God of all Creation came down, took on human flesh and died on a cross for you and me. Well, let's look at what the Bible teaches. Look at Matthew 25:46, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous [into] life eternal." Everlasting punishment, not banishment. Not ceasing. Everlasting punishment. It's very clear. It doesn't say "annihilation," does it? Everlasting punishment is punishment forever. Now I like this next one. I've used it a lot. It's Jude 7, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah" –boy I think this is a great verse for eternal Hell; easy to remember. Jude 1:7, right in the very back of your Bible. Jude 1:7, just remember that. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh" – that's the homosexuals. Strange flesh is man with man and woman with woman – "Are set forth [for] an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." You know what a Jehovah Witness said to me once? He said, "That is the cities." Cities don't commit fornication. And that's silly. It's the people it's talking about in the cities. And it says they're suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Suffering right now. Those people back in Sodom and Gomorrhah are suffering right now. There is an eternal Hell. Now I'm not going to try to make it so graphic I'm going to scare all of you. I'm just telling you it's real and it's awful. I don't have to make it graphic. The Bible does. Jehovah Witnesses can try to cool it all they want, but it doesn't help it at all. This next verse, Revelation 14:11, "And the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his [name]." During the Tribulation, it says there's going to be a mark that you can't buy or sell, and it's going to be a one-world government, and a one-world currency. "The smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever: and they have no rest day [nor] night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Death's not annihilation.

QUESTION 18

Matthew 25:46 says that people will go into: Answer: _____

- A. Annihilation
- B. Banishment
- C. Everlasting Punishment
- D. The Grave

QUESTION 19

Jude 2:7 tells us that the people of Sodom and Gomorrhah are suffering even to this day. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 20

It is not possible for a city to commit sin or suffer vengeance. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 21

Which verse tells us that hell is torment forever? Answer: _____

- A. Revelation 4:9
- B. Revelation 8:3
- C. Revelation 14:11
- D. Revelation 21:27

The Rich Man & Lazarus

Now the one place—and I've listed three verses, but if you've got a Bible—I want you to turn to Luke 16. I just want to show you. Listen, this scares me to death. Luke 16. It really does. It scares me to death. And you say, "Well, it shouldn't." You have to keep on going living, but you have to realize that there is an eternal Hell, and you have to realize when we talk about witnessing, and we ought to witness. Now Jehovah Witnesses love to say this is a parable. It's [not] a parable. Now first of all, in parables, God never gives names to the people in the parable. This does not and is not a parable, because it has names. Now, let's just for the sake of argument. A parable is telling something simply of what is reality so that we can understand it. So if it is a parable, then it means that Hell is even worse than the parable would say it is. You see what I'm saying? Now either way, the Jehovah Witnesses are in trouble, but this is not a parable. "And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus" – now this isn't the same one that Jesus raised from the dead, okay – "a beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at [his] gate, full of sores, [And] desiring to be fed [with] the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked [his] sores. [And] it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels [into] Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried". Now listen to this: "And in hell" –this word "Hell" is hades, and we aren't going to have time to get into all that—"he [lift] up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." Now back in the Old Testament, the time up to Christ, Hades had two compartments, Hades Paradise and Hades Hell. No one goes to Hades Paradise anymore because the Bible says absent with the body, present with the Lord. Jesus rose again. He led captivity captive, and He took all those from Hades Paradise up into Heaven. Okay, I don't have time to get into all that, but I'm just telling you that there is still a Hades Torture. But Hell is in this Earth. I doubt if anybody drilled down far enough to hear it. I seriously doubt that. But it is in this earth. The world [doesn't] like that.

QUESTION 22

This story can be easily dismissed as a parable. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 23

When we talk about hell, it should cause us to _____.

The Greatest Soulwinner

“And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy [on] me, and send Lazarus” – the guy that was his beggar. He was so calm. [He had] servants. Everybody bowed to him—“that he may dip the tip of [his] finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. [But] Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And [beside] all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.” There’s no purgatory, is there? Boy, this would rule that out. “Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house” –see, he was a greater soul winner than we are. We sit in church, go home, and we’re not soul winners. This man was a greater soul winner than a lot of soul winners on this earth. This man was in Hell, and all of a sudden he saw reality. You notice he didn’t say, “Well how’s the business doing?” No, he says, “Could I just get a drop of water? Just a little drop? Just one drop—I’m tormented in this flame.” Then he says, “[For] I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they [also] come unto [this] place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.” See Jesus knew they wouldn’t because Jesus did come from the dead, and they didn’t repent. “And he said unto [him], If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” Okay, I’ll give you those verses. I’ll give you another one, Daniel 12:2, “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth” –this still proves that there’s an eternal Hell—“shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” Can I get any clearer? Can the Bible get any clearer than that?

QUESTION 24

Luke 16 shows us that hell is not a place of social gatherings, but of terrible torment. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 25

The rich man’s biggest concern was his: _____

- A. Business
- B. Belongings
- C. Family’s salvation
- D. Friends

LESSON 32 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: True [Learning more about the Bible should be our main goal.]

QUESTION 2

C. Jesus is God

QUESTION 3: *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

If Jesus is not God, you are not saved.

QUESTION 4: False [The word “name” is singular, showing that the Father, Son, and Spirit are one.]

QUESTION 5

D. 3 candles in a dark room

QUESTION 6: True [It means 3 or more.]

QUESTION 7

A. Elohim

D. Three

QUESTION 8: True [Our soul will live forever, but our earthly bodies will decay.]

QUESTION 9: False [Commentaries can be helpful to clarify, but the Bible should be the only thing we take as the authority.]

QUESTION 10

B. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

QUESTION 11: True

QUESTION 12: True [The Godhead contains the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; man is made up of a body, soul, and spirit.]

QUESTION 13

A. Soul

B. Spirit

D. Joints

E. Marrow

QUESTION 14: False [The power is in the Word of God.]

QUESTION 15: True [They believe the second death is annihilation.]

QUESTION 16: True [John 3:18]

QUESTION 17: the devil

QUESTION 18

C. Everlasting Punishment

QUESTION 19: False [There is no 2nd chapter of Jude.]

QUESTION 20: True [Jude 1:7 refers to the people of those cities.]

QUESTION 21

C. Revelation 14:11

QUESTION 22: False [When speaking in parables, Jesus never named names.]

QUESTION 23: witness

QUESTION 24: True [The rich man simply wanted one drop of water to cool his tongue.]

QUESTION 25

C. Family’s salvation