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# Hear the Dead

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A medium professes to communicate with the dead. The Old Testament or Hebrew Bible lists a medium as one the Lord detests (Deuteronomy 18:11, 12). A medium was subject to capital punishment (Leviticus 20:27). King Saul of Israel is the most infamous user of a medium. God said it partly brought about his death (1 Samuel 28:7 and 1 Chronicles 10:13).

Some dabble in these psychic matters as a form of entertainment. Not all entertainment is responsible and appropriate. Delving into the subject of communication from the dead may bring great grief to someone who has recently lost a loved one. It may bring a false hope of communication that will never come to fruition. Such involvement grieves God. When young people get interested in this subject, they dabble in what is detestable to God. They

miss the good things that God has provided and damage themselves and others.

Psychics profess to have gifts that enable them to know things. One may hear some interesting and surprising things, but mostly generalizations of things already known. But do they communicate anything significantly helpful? At least we should hear where to find certain keys, or bank accounts, or other documents that would make life easier. Concerning life after death, the messages of mediums are often contradictory. What really happens when one leaves this life?

I know Someone who can communicate about life after death from experience. Jesus died and came back to life. Many people in different places and at various times saw Him. Many of these people died because they continued to tell the story of this resurrected Jesus. Cowards became brave witnesses of the resurrected Jesus. Enemies could not disprove the resurrection. A conspicuously empty tomb left them without evidence. The significance

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of the resurrection even brought the early Jewish believers to worship on Sundays.

While Jesus was alive, He taught about a man desiring, but unable, to communicate from the dead to his living brothers (Luke 16:19-31). Two men had died. One was a rich man and the other a poor man named Lazarus. The poor man went to "Abraham's bosom." The rich man went to a place called "Hades" or "Sheol." The rich man sought Abraham's mercy for just a taste of water to relieve his tongue while he was in an agony of flames. Abraham could not help him. The two places were in a fixed state of separation. The rich man then desired to warn his five living brothers. He did not want them to join him in his place of torment. Abraham told him that a messenger wasn't needed, for they had Moses and the Prophets. The rich man argued that his brothers would not likely heed a biblical message, but would heed a message from someone who came back from the dead. Abraham told him that he was wrong. If someone doesn't heed

God's message through His Word, he "will not be persuaded if someone rises from the dead."

Multitudes of people know that Jesus is alive today. You can know it too and have a relationship with God. God says that your sins have separated you from Him. If you die in your sins, you will join the rich man in separation from God forever. You are guilty. But Jesus loved you so much that He died on the cross and bore the penalty of your sins. He calls to you today to turn from your sins and trust Him alone for your eternal salvation.

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5).

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