

SOUL

God and Soul

1. God has a soul, and he does what his soul desires.

- a. **Job 23:13** 13 [God] is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What his soul (שׁוּלָם) desires, that he does.
 - (1) God is restrained by no one. His will is totally free. He is constrained only by his own perfect character.

2. God's soul hates sin and those who practice sin.

- a. God's soul abhors idolators.
 - (1) **Le 26:30** 30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and my soul (שׁוּלָם) will abhor you.
- b. God's soul hates the wicked and the violent.
 - (1) **Ps 11:5** 5 Yahweh tests the righteous, but his soul (שׁוּלָם) hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.
- c. There are seven things that are especially abominable to God's soul.
 - (1) **Pr 6:16-19** 16 There are six things that Yahweh hates, seven that are an abomination to his soul: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, 19 a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.
- d. God's soul hates meaningless religious rituals.
 - (1) **Is 1:14** 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul (שׁוּלָם) hates. They have become a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.
- e. God's soul will not turn to those who persist in rebellion against him.
 - (1) **Jer 15:1** 1 Yahweh said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my soul (שׁוּלָם) would not turn toward this people [Israel]. Send them out of my sight, and let them go!
- f. God's soul has no pleasure in believers who shrink back in unbelief.
 - (1) **Heb 10:38** 38 My righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul (ψυχή) has no pleasure in him.

3. God's soul delights in Jesus.

- a. **Is 42:1** 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul (שׁוּלָם) delights. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring forth justice to the nations.
- b. God's soul is well pleased with Jesus.
 - (1) **Mt 12:18** 18 Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul (ψυχή) is well pleased.
- c. Jesus does according to what is in God's soul.
 - (1) **1 Sa 2:35** 35 I [Yahweh] will raise up for myself a faithful priest [Jesus], who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my soul (שׁוּלָם).

Jesus and Soul

- 1. Jesus' soul was sorrowful and troubled as he approached the cross.**
 - a. **Mt 26:38** 38 My soul (ψυχή) is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here, and watch with me [Jesus].
 - b. **Jn 12:27** 27 Now is my soul (ψυχή) troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

- 2. Jesus poured out his soul to death to bear the sin of many.**
 - a. **Is 53:10-12** 10 It was the desire of Yahweh to crush [his Servant]. He has put him to grief. When his soul (שׂוֹרֵץ) makes an offering for guilt, he will see his seed. He will prolong his days. The desire of Yahweh will prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul (שׂוֹרֵץ) he will see and be satisfied. By his knowledge will the righteous one, my Servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul (שׂוֹרֵץ) to death and was numbered with the transgressors. Yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.
 - b. Jesus gave his soul as a ransom for many.
 - (1) **Mt 20:28** 28 The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his soul (ψυχή) as a ransom for many.
 - c. Jesus laid down his soul the sheep.
 - (1) **Jn 10:11** 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his soul (ψυχή) for the sheep.
 - (2) **Jn 10:15** 15 I [Jesus lay down my soul (ψυχή) for the sheep.
 - d. Jesus laid down his soul in order to take it up again.
 - (1) **Jn 10:17** 17 For this reason the Father loves me [Jesus], because I lay down my soul (ψυχή) that I may take it up again.
 - e. We cannot lay down our soul for Jesus.
 - (1) **Jn 13:37-38** 37 Peter said to [Jesus], Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my soul (ψυχή) for you. 38 Jesus answered, Will you lay down your soul (ψυχή) for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.
 - f. Jesus laid down his soul for us.
 - (1) **1 Jn 3:16** 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his soul (ψυχή) for us.

- 3. Jesus is the Shepherd and Overseer of our soul.**
 - a. **1 Pe 2:25** 25 You were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls (ψυχή).

Bible and Soul

- 1. God's word pierces to the division of soul and spirit.**
 - a. **Heb 4:12** 12 The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul (ψυχή) and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- 2. We are to lay up God's words in our soul.**
 - a. **Dt 11:18** 18 You shall...lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul (שִׁמְךָ).
 - b. Our soul is to be consumed with longing for God's word at all times.
(1) **Ps 119:20** 20 My soul (שִׁמְךָ) is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.
 - c. We are to delight our soul in God's rich food.
(1) **Is 55:2-3** 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, eat what is good, and delight your soul (שִׁמְךָ) in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me. Hear, that your soul (שִׁמְךָ) may live, and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my loyal, sure love for David.

- 3. We are to be careful to do God's statutes and rules with all our soul.**
 - a. **Dt 26:16** 16 This day Yahweh your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul (שִׁמְךָ).
 - b. We are to turn to God with all our soul.
(1) **2 Ki 23:25** 25 Before [Josiah] there was no king like him, who turned to Yahweh with all his heart, with all his soul (שִׁמְךָ), and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.
 - c. Our soul is to keep God's word.
(1) **Ps 119:167** 167 My soul (שִׁמְךָ) keeps your testimonies. I love them exceedingly.

- 4. When our soul clings to the dust, we need life according to God's word.**
 - a. **Ps 119:25** 25 My soul (שִׁמְךָ) clings to the dust. Give me life (חַיִּים) according to your word!
 - b. When our soul melts away, we are to be strengthened by God's word.
(1) **Ps 119:28** 28 My soul (שִׁמְךָ) melts away for sorrow. Strengthen me according to your word!
 - c. God's word is able to revive our soul.
(1) **Ps 19:7** 7 The law of Yahweh is perfect, reviving the soul (שִׁמְךָ).

- 5. God's promises are to be the anchor of our soul.**
 - a. **Heb 6:19** 19 We have [God's promises] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul (ψυχή).

- 6. God's word, received and implanted, is able to save our soul.**
 - a. **Jas 1:21** 21 Put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls (ψυχή).

Man and Soul

- 1. Man became a living soul when God breathed into him the breath of life.**
 - a. **Ge 2:7** 7 Yahweh God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul (נִשְׁמַת חַי).
 - (1) **1 Co 15:45** 45 The first man Adam became a living soul (ψυχῆ).
 - b. The first man, Adam, became a living soul.
 - (1) **1 Co 15:45** 45 The first man Adam became a living soul (ψυχῆ).
 - c. God is the maker of every human soul.
 - (1) **Jer 38:16** 16 King Zedekiah swore secretly to Jeremiah, As Yahweh lives, who made our souls (נִשְׁמַת), I will not put you to death or deliver you into the hand of these men who seek your life.
 - d. All human souls are God's.
 - (1) **Eze 18:4** 4 Behold, all souls (נִשְׁמַת) are mine. The soul (נִשְׁמַת) of the father as well as the soul (נִשְׁמַת) of the son is mine.
 - e. Interestingly, angels are never said to have a soul.

- 2. We have a body, a mind, and a spirit, but we are a soul. Our soul is our very self.**
 - a. **Ge 12:5** 5 Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother's son, all their possessions that they had gathered, and the souls (נִשְׁמַת) that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.
 - b. **Ge 46:26-27** 26 All the souls (נִשְׁמַת) belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six souls (נִשְׁמַת) in all. 27 And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the souls (נִשְׁמַת) of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.
 - c. We have a spirit, soul, and body.
 - (1) **1 Th 5:23** 23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul (ψυχῆ), and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Messiah.
 - (2) Possibly, the spirit is the center of the heart, which is the center of the soul, which is the center of the body.
 - (3) It is unclear whether unbelievers have a spirit.
 - d. Our soul is to be distinguished from our spirit.
 - (1) **Heb 4:12** 12 The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul (ψυχῆ) and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
 - (2) Our soul is....
 - (3) Our spirit is....
 - e. All human beings, including slaves, have a soul.
 - (1) **Re 18:11-13** 11 The merchants of the earth weep and mourn for [Babylon], because no one buys their cargo anymore, ...13 incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls (ψυχῆ).
 - (2) Slavery is the buying and selling of human souls. That's what makes it so wrong.
 - (3) In atheism, there is no basis for asserting slavery is wrong. In atheism, human beings have no soul. We are material only. There is no immaterial aspect to us.

3. Every human soul, rich or poor, is equal in the eyes of God.

- a. **Ex 30:12-15** 12 When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for his soul (שָׂוּיָא) to Yahweh when you number them, that there be no plague among them when you number them. ... 15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when you give Yahweh's offering to make atonement for your souls (שָׂוּיָא).
- b. Atheism provides no basis for the ontological equality of human souls.

4. God keeps watch over our souls.

- a. **Pr 24:12** 12 If you say, Behold, we did not know this, does not he who weighs the heart (לֵב) perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul (שָׂוּיָא) know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?

5. Our blood represents our soul.

- a. **Ge 9:4-5** 4 You shall not eat flesh with its soul (שָׂוּיָא), that is, its blood. 5 And for your lifeblood (אֶת־דַּמְּכֶם לְנַפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם) I will require a reckoning. From every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the soul (שָׂוּיָא) of man.
- b. The soul of the flesh is in the blood.
 - (1) **Le 17:10-12** 10 If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. 11 For the soul (שָׂוּיָא) of the flesh (בְּשָׂר) is in the blood (דָּם), and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls (שָׂוּיָא), for it is the blood that makes atonement by the soul (שָׂוּיָא). 12 Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

6. If we murder a human soul, we must be put to death.

- a. **Le 24:17** 17 Whoever takes a human soul (שָׂוּיָא) shall surely be put to death.
- b. We may defend our soul when attacked.
 - (1) **Es 8:11** 11 The king allowed the Jews who were in every city to gather and defend their souls (שָׂוּיָא), to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate any armed force of any people or province that might attack them, children and women included.

7. Our soul is the most valuable thing we possess.

- a. **Mt 16:26** 26 What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul (ψυχή)? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul (ψυχή)?
 - (1) **Mk 8:36-37** 36 What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul (ψυχή)? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul (ψυχή)?
- b. Our soul is more important than what we eat and drink.
 - (1) **Mt 6:25** 25 Do not be anxious about your soul (ψυχή), what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not the soul (ψυχή) more than food, and the body more than clothing?
 - (2) **Lk 12:22-23** 22 [Jesus] said to his disciples, Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your soul (ψυχή), what you will eat, nor about your body, what you

will put on. 23 For the soul (ψυχή) is more than food and the body more than clothing.

8. Our soul has free will whereby it decides to love or hate God and his rules.

- a. **Le 26:15** 15 If you spurn my statutes, and if your soul (שׂוֹנֵה) abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant....
- b. Souls are responsible for being sluggardly or diligent.
 - (1) **Pr 13:4** 4 The soul (שׂוֹנֵה) of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul (שׂוֹנֵה) of the diligent is richly supplied.
- c. See *Free Will*.

9. Our soul needs close, deep, intimate relationships with other human souls.

- a. With God.
 - (1) The Triune God is a relational God, and he created us as relational creatures. We cannot function properly without close, deep, intimate relationships with God and other human beings.
- b. With our husband or wife.
 - (1) **Song 3:1-4** 1 On my bed by night I sought him whom my soul (שׂוֹנֵה) loves. I sought him but found him not. 2 I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares. I will seek him whom my soul (שׂוֹנֵה) loves. I sought him but found him not. 3 The watchmen found me as they went about in the city. Have you seen him whom my soul (שׂוֹנֵה) loves? 4 Scarcely had I passed them when I found him whom my soul (שׂוֹנֵה) loves. I held him and would not let him go....
- c. With our children.
 - (1) **Ge 44:30** 30 [Jacob's] soul (שׂוֹנֵה) is bound up in the boy's [Benjamin's] soul (שׂוֹנֵה).
- d. With our friends.
 - (1) **1 Sa 18:1-3** 1 The soul (שׂוֹנֵה) of Jonathan was knit to the soul (שׂוֹנֵה) of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul (שׂוֹנֵה). ...3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul (שׂוֹנֵה).
 - (2) **1 Sa 20:17** 17 Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul (שׂוֹנֵה).

10. We are to care about the souls of others.

- a. **Ex 23:9** 9 You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the soul (שׂוֹנֵה) of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.
- b. Our soul is to grieve for the needy.
 - (1) **Job 30:25** 25 Did not I [Job] weep for him whose day was hard? Was not my soul (שׂוֹנֵה) grieved for the needy?
- c. We are to pour out our soul to satisfy the soul of the hungry and afflicted.
 - (1) **Is 58:10-11** 10 If you pour your soul (שׂוֹנֵה) out for the hungry and satisfy the soul (שׂוֹנֵה) of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. 11 And Yahweh will guide you continually and satisfy your soul (שׂוֹנֵה) in scorched places and make your bones strong. And you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

11. Only God is able to satisfy the deepest longings and needs of our soul.

- a. One's career, profession, or work life can never satisfy the soul.
 - (1) **Ec 6:7-8** 7 All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his soul (שֹׁדָד) is not satisfied. 8
For what advantage has the wise man over the fool?

12. When we die, our soul departs the body.

- a. **Ge 35:18** 18 As [Rachel's] soul (שֹׁדָד) was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni.
- b. Man cannot kill our soul.
 - (1) **Mt 10:28** 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul (ψυχή).
- c. We are physically alive as long as our soul is in our body.
 - (1) **Ac 20:10** 10 Paul went down and bent over [Eutychus], and taking him in his arms said, Do not be alarmed, for his soul (ψυχή) is in him.

13. Our soul is immortal.

Animals and Soul

1. God created animals with living souls.

- a. **Ge 1:21** 21 God created the great sea creatures and every living soul (הַיְּרֵקִים הַחַיִּים) that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- b. Sea animals have a living soul.
 - (1) **Re 8:9** 9 A third of the living souls (ψυχῆς) in the sea died.
 - (2) **Re 16:3** 3 The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living soul (ψυχῆς) died that was in the sea.
- c. The soul of every living thing is in God's hand.
 - (1) **Job 12:10** 10 In [God's] hand is the soul (שְׂפָרָה) of every living thing.
- d. Animals have a soul; plants do not.

2. Each kind of animal has a living soul according to its kind.

- a. **Ge 1:24** 24 God said, Let the earth bring forth living souls (הַיְּרֵקִים הַחַיִּים) according to their kinds—livestock, creeping things, and beasts of the earth according to their kinds. And it was so.
- b. A cow soul is different from a sheep soul, which is different from a chicken soul. A dog soul is different from a cat soul.

3. Human souls are more valuable than animal souls.

- a. **Le 24:17-18** 17 Whoever takes a human soul (שְׂפָרָה) shall surely be put to death. 18 Whoever takes an animal's soul (שְׂפָרָה) shall make it good, soul (שְׂפָרָה) for soul (שְׂפָרָה).
- b. Though both man and animals have souls, the human soul is fundamentally different from animal souls. Darwinism asserts otherwise.
- c. Jesus died for human souls, not animal souls.

4. God delegated man authority and rulership over all other souls on earth.

- a. **Ge 2:19** 19 Out of the ground Yahweh God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living soul (הַיְּרֵקִים הַחַיִּים), that was its name.

5. We are to care about the soul of our animals.

- a. **Pr 12:10** 10 Whoever is righteous has regard for the soul (שְׂפָרָה) of his beast.

6. God cut the Noachic covenant with both human and animal souls.

- a. **Ge 9:15-16** 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living soul (הַיְּרֵקִים הַחַיִּים) of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living soul (הַיְּרֵקִים הַחַיִּים) of all flesh that is on the earth.

7. **The souls of animals will live in the Messianic kingdom and beyond.**
 - a. **Eze 47:9** 9 Wherever the river goes, every living soul (שׂוּפָה) that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh. So everything will live where the river goes.

Sin and Soul

- 1. The soul who sins will die. Every soul is responsible for its own sin.**
 - a. **Eze 18:4** 4 The soul (שׂוֹנֵה) who sins will die.
 - b. **Eze 18:20** 20 The soul (שׂוֹנֵה) who sins will die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.
 - c. We won't be punished for someone else's sins. We will be punished for our own sins.

- 2. The passions of our flesh wage war against our soul.**
 - a. **1 Pe 2:11** 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul (ψυχή).
 - b. Pride is a soul-destroyer.
 - (1) **Hab 2:4** 4 Behold, his soul (שׂוֹנֵה) is puffed up. It is not upright within him. But the righteous shall live by his faith.
 - c. Adultery is a soul-destroyer.
 - (1) **Pr 6:32** 32 He who commits adultery lacks sense. He who does it destroys his soul (שׂוֹנֵה).
 - d. Our soul is to be tormented over the lawless deeds we see and hear.
 - (1) **2 Pe 2:8** 8 As that righteous man [Lot] lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul (ψυχή) over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard.

- 3. We injure our soul when we reject God's wisdom.**
 - a. **Pr 8:36** 36 He who fails to find me [wisdom] injures his soul (שׂוֹנֵה). All who hate me love death.
 - b. The wandering of the soul is vanity and a striving after wind.
 - (1) **Ec 6:9** 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the soul (שׂוֹנֵה). This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

- 4. Souls may be poisoned against believers.**
 - (1) **Ac 14:2** 2 The unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their souls (ψυχή) against the brothers.
 - b. False teachers entice unsteady souls.
 - (1) **2 Pe 2:14** 14 [These false teachers] have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls (ψυχή). They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!
 - (2) If our soul is unsteady, we become easy prey for false teachers.

- 5. We are to discipline our children to save their souls from death.**
 - a. **Pr 23:13-14** 13 Do not withhold discipline from a child. If you strike him with a rod, he will not die. 14 If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul (שׂוֹנֵה) from Sheol.

Salvation and Soul

1. Our soul is to long for God's salvation.

- a. **Ps 119:81** 81 My soul (שׁוֹנֶה) longs for your salvation. I hope in your word.

2. We must flee “Babylon” to save our soul.

- a. **Jer 51:6** 6 Flee from the midst of Babylon. Let every one save his soul (שׁוֹנֶה)! Be not cut off in her punishment, for this is the time of Yahweh's vengeance, the repayment he is rendering her.

(1) Many souls around us will not be saved. They will not flee Babylon.

- b. **Jer 51:45** 45 Go out of the midst of [Babylon], my people! Let every one save his soul (שׁוֹנֶה) from the fierce anger of Yahweh!

- c. To save our soul, we are to turn from wickedness and do what is right.

(1) **Eze 18:27** 27 When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his soul (שׁוֹנֶה).

3. God devises means in order that we will not remain an outcast.

- a. **2 Sa 14:14** 14 We must all die. We are like water spilled on the ground that cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away the soul (שׁוֹנֶה) [of believers], but he devises means in order that the banished one will not remain an outcast.

- b. The saving of our soul requires blood atonement.

(1) **Le 17:11** 11 The soul (שׁוֹנֶה) of the flesh (בָּשָׂר) is in the blood (דָּם), and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls (שׁוֹנֶה), for it is the blood that makes atonement by the soul (שׁוֹנֶה).

- c. The ransom of our soul is costly.

(1) **Ps 49:7-9** 7 Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, 8 for the ransom of their soul (שׁוֹנֶה) is costly and can never suffice, 9 that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

- d. God redeems the souls of those who choose to take refuge in him.

(1) **Ps 34:22** 22 Yahweh redeems (פָּדָה) the soul (שׁוֹנֶה) of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

4. God delivers our soul from spiritual and physical death.

- a. **Ps 56:13** 13 You have delivered my soul (שׁוֹנֶה) from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

- b. **Ps 86:13** 13 Great is your loyal love toward me. You have delivered my soul (שׁוֹנֶה) from the depths of Sheol.

- c. God brings up our soul from death.

(1) **Ps 30:3** 3 Yahweh, you have brought up my soul (שׁוֹנֶה) from Sheol. You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

- d. God ransoms the believer's soul from the power of death.

(1) **Ps 49:15** 15 God will ransom my soul (שׁוֹנֶה) from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

5. **The outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**
 - a. **1 Pe 1:8-9** ...Obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls (ψυχή).

Christian Life and Soul

1. Our souls are precious in God's sight.

- a. **1 Sa 26:24** 24 As your [Saul's] soul (שׁוֹנֵה) was precious this day in my [David's] sight, so may my soul (שׁוֹנֵה) be precious in the sight of Yahweh, and may he deliver me out of all tribulation.
- b. Our souls are bound in the bundle of the living in God's care.
 - (1) **1 Sa 25:29** 29 If men rise up to pursue you [David] and to seek your soul (שׁוֹנֵה), the soul (שׁוֹנֵה) of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living in the care of Yahweh your God.
- c. God preserves our souls.
 - (1) **Ps 97:10** 10 [Yahweh] preserves the souls (שׁוֹנֵה) of his saints.
- d. God is able to keep our souls from all evil.
 - (1) **Ps 121:7** 7 Yahweh will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul (שׁוֹנֵה).

2. We are to search after God with all our soul.

- a. **Dt 4:29** 29 From [exile] you [Israel] will seek Yahweh your God, and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul (שׁוֹנֵה).
- b. We are to set our soul to seek God.
 - (1) **1 Ch 22:19** 19 Now set your heart and soul (שׁוֹנֵה) to seek Yahweh your God.
- c. Our soul is to thirst for the living God.
 - (1) **Ps 42:1-2** 1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul (שׁוֹנֵה) for you, God. 2 My soul (שׁוֹנֵה) thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?
 - (2) **Ps 63:1** 1 God, you are my God. Earnestly I seek you. My soul (שׁוֹנֵה) thirsts for you. My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
 - (3) **Ps 143:6** 6 I stretch out my hands to you. My soul (שׁוֹנֵה) thirsts for you like a parched land.
- d. Our soul is to long for the courts of Yahweh.
 - (1) **Ps 84:2** 2 My soul (שׁוֹנֵה) longs, yes, faints for the courts of Yahweh.
- e. God will satisfy the longing soul.
 - (1) **Ps 107:9** 9 [Yahweh] satisfies the longing soul (שׁוֹנֵה), and the hungry soul (שׁוֹנֵה) he fills with good things.
- f. God's name is to be the desire of our soul.
 - (1) **Is 26:8** 8 Your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul (שׁוֹנֵה).
- g. Our soul is to yearn for God in the night.
 - (1) **Is 26:9** 9 My soul (שׁוֹנֵה) yearns for you in the night.

3. We are to love God with all our soul.

- a. **Dt 6:5** 5 You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul (שׁוֹנֵה), and with all your might.
- b. **Mt 22:37** 37 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul (ψυχή), and with all your mind.
- c. God circumcises our heart in order that we may love him with all our soul.

(1) **Dt 30:6** 6 Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, so that you will love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul (שׂוֹרֵץ), that you may live.

4. We are to tell what God has done for our soul.

- a. **Ps 66:16** 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul (שׂוֹרֵץ).
- b. Our soul is to make its boast in God.
 - (1) **Ps 34:2** 2 My soul (שׂוֹרֵץ) makes its boast in Yahweh. Let the humble hear and be glad.

5. We are to keep our soul diligently.

- a. **Dt 4:9** 9 Only take care and keep your soul (שׂוֹרֵץ) diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen.
- b. We are to know in our soul that God's promises do not fail.
 - (1) **Jos 23:14** 14 You know in your hearts and souls (שׂוֹרֵץ), all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that Yahweh your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you. Not one of them has failed.
- c. Our soul is to bless Yahweh and remember all his benefits.
 - (1) **Ps 103:1-2** 1 Bless Yahweh, my soul (שׂוֹרֵץ), and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless Yahweh, my soul (שׂוֹרֵץ), and forget not all his benefits.
- d. Guarding our words keeps our soul out of trouble.
 - (1) **Pr 21:23** 23 Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul (שׂוֹרֵץ) out of trouble.
- e. We are to have faith and preserve our soul.
 - (1) **Heb 10:39** 39 We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed but of those who have faith and preserve their souls (ψυχή).

6. We are to serve God with all our soul.

- a. **Dt 10:12** 12 Now, Israel, what does Yahweh your God require of you but to fear Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul (שׂוֹרֵץ).
 - (1) **Jos 22:5** 5 Be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commandments, to cling to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul (שׂוֹרֵץ).
- b. We are to walk before God in faithfulness with all our soul.
 - (1) **1 Ki 2:4** 4 If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul (שׂוֹרֵץ), you [David] shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.
- c. We are to do the desire of God from the soul.
 - (1) **Eph 6:6** 6 ...Not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Messiah, doing the desire of God from the soul (ψυχή)....

7. We are to find our soul by losing it for Jesus' sake.

- a. **Mt 10:39** 39 Whoever finds his soul (ψυχή) will lose it, but whoever loses his soul (ψυχή) for my sake will find it.
- b. **Mt 16:25** 25 Whoever would save his soul (ψυχή) will lose it, but whoever loses his soul (ψυχή) for my sake will find it.
- c. **Mk 8:35-37** 35 Whoever would save his soul (ψυχή) will lose it, but whoever loses his soul (ψυχή) for my sake and the gospel's will save it.
- d. To be Jesus' disciple, one must "hate" his own soul.
 - (1) **Lk 14:26** 26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and even his own soul (ψυχή), he cannot be my disciple.
 - (2) What does it mean to hate our own soul? It means to passionately dislike our autonomous, independent, self-centered self. It means to hate our flesh.
- e. Whoever loses his soul will keep it.
 - (1) **Lk 17:33** 33 Whoever seeks to preserve his soul (ψυχή) will lose it, but whoever loses his soul (ψυχή) will keep it.
- f. By endurance we will gain our souls.
 - (1) **Lk 21:19** 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls (ψυχή).
- g. We are to hate our soul in this world in order to guard it for eternal life.
 - (1) **Jn 12:25** 25 Whoever loves his soul (ψυχή) loses it, and whoever hates his soul (ψυχή) in this world will guard (φυλάσσω) it for eternal life.
- h. We are not to account our soul as precious to ourself.
 - (1) **Ac 20:24** 24 I do not account my soul (ψυχή) of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.
- i. We are to love not our soul even unto death.
 - (1) **Re 12:11** 11 [Our brothers and sisters] have conquered [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their souls (ψυχή) even unto death.

8. Our soul is to march on with Spirit-empowered courage.

- a. **Jdg 5:21** 21 March on, my soul (שׁוּפְרָיִם), with might!
- b. We are to take our soul in our hand and "strike down the Philistine."
 - (1) **1 Sa 19:5** 5 [David] took his soul (שׁוּפְרָיִם) in his hand, he struck down the Philistine, and Yahweh worked a great salvation for all Israel.
- c. We are to risk our souls for "David."
 - (1) **2 Sa 23:17** 17 Shall I [David] drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their souls (שׁוּפְרָיִם)? Therefore he would not drink [the water]. These things the three mighty men did.
- d. We are to risk our souls for the name of Jesus.
 - (1) **Ac 15:25-26** 25 It has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their soul (ψυχή) for the name of our Lord Jesus Messiah.
- e. God is able to increase the strength of our soul.
 - (1) **Ps 138:3** 3 On the day I called, you answered me. My strength of soul (שׁוּפְרָיִם) you increased.

9. When we are troubled in spirit, we are to pour out our soul before God.

- a. **1 Sa 1:15** 15 Hannah answered, No, my lord [Eli], I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul (שִׁבְעָה) before Yahweh.
- b. In distress, our soul wastes from grief.
 - (1) **Ps 31:9** 9 Be gracious to me, Yahweh, for I am in distress. My eye is wasted from grief. My soul (שִׁבְעָה) and my body also.
- c. In a respectful way, we may complain to God in the bitterness of our soul.
 - (1) **Job 7:11** 11 I [Job] will not restrain my mouth. I will speak in the anguish of my spirit (רִיחַ). I will complain in the bitterness of my soul (שִׁבְעָה).
- d. When our soul is cast down, we are to pour out our soul to God.
 - (1) **Ps 42:3-5** 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, Where is your God? 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul (שִׁבְעָה). ...5 Why are you cast down, my soul (שִׁבְעָה), and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him.
- e. When our soul faints away, we are to remember and pray to God.
 - (1) **Jon 2:5-7** 5 The waters closed in over me to take my soul (שִׁבְעָה). The deep surrounded me. Weeds were wrapped about my head 6 at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever. Yet you brought up my life from the pit, Yahweh my God. 7 When my soul (שִׁבְעָה) was fainting away, I remembered Yahweh, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
- f. We are to lift up our soul to God.
 - (1) **Ps 25:1-2** 1 To you, Yahweh, I lift up my soul (שִׁבְעָה). 2 My God, in you I trust. Let me not be put to shame. Let not my enemies exult over me.
- g. Our soul is to take refuge in God.
 - (1) **Ps 57:1** 1 Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul (שִׁבְעָה) takes refuge. In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.
- h. God saves the soul of the needy.
 - (1) **Ps 72:13-14** 13 [God] has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the souls (שִׁבְעָה) of the needy. 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their soul (שִׁבְעָה), and precious is their blood in his sight.
- i. God delivers the soul of the needy from evildoers.
 - (1) **Jer 20:13** 13 Sing to Yahweh. Praise Yahweh! For he has delivered the soul (שִׁבְעָה) of the needy from the hand of evildoers.
- j. We are to entrust our souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.
 - (1) **1 Pe 4:19** 19 Let those who suffer according to God's desire entrust their souls (ψυχή) to a faithful Creator while doing good.

10. Our soul is to wait for God alone in silence.

- a. **Ps 62:1** 1 For God alone my soul (שִׁבְעָה) waits in silence.
- b. **Ps 130:5-6** 5 I wait for Yahweh, my soul (שִׁבְעָה) waits, and in his word I hope. 6 My soul (שִׁבְעָה) waits for Yahweh more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

- c. We are to calm and quiet our soul like a weaned child.
 - (1) **Ps 131:2** 2 I have calmed and quieted my soul (שׁוֹבֵן), like a weaned child with its mother. Like a weaned child is my soul (שׁוֹבֵן) within me.

11. God is able to restore our soul.

- a. **Ru 4:15** 15 He [Obed] shall be to you [Naomi] a restorer of your soul (שׁוֹבֵן) and a nourisher of your old age.
- b. God redeems our soul out of every adversity.
 - (1) **2 Sa 4:9** 9 Yahweh...has redeemed my [David's] soul (שׁוֹבֵן) out of every adversity.
- c. God delivers our soul for the sake of his loyal love.
 - (1) **Ps 6:3-4** 3 My soul (שׁוֹבֵן) also is greatly troubled. But you, Yahweh, how long? 4 Turn, Yahweh, deliver my soul (שׁוֹבֵן). Save me for the sake of your loyal love.
- d. God will not abandon our soul to death.
 - (1) **Ps 16:10** 10 You [Yahweh] will not abandon my [David's] soul (שׁוֹבֵן) to Sheol or let your holy one see corruption.
- e. God restores our soul.
 - (1) **Ps 23:3** 3 [Yahweh] restores my soul (שׁוֹבֵן).
- f. When God delivers our soul from death, our soul is to return to its rest.
 - (1) **Ps 116:7-8** 7 Return, my soul (שׁוֹבֵן), to your rest, for Yahweh has dealt bountifully with you. 8 For you have delivered my soul (שׁוֹבֵן) from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- g. God satisfies and replenishes the weary and languishing soul.
 - (1) **Jer 31:25** 25 I [Yahweh] will satisfy the weary soul (שׁוֹבֵן), and every languishing soul (שׁוֹבֵן) I will replenish.

12. We are to repent with all our soul after committing a personal sin.

- a. **1 Ki 8:48** 48 If they [the Jews] repent with all their heart and with all their soul (שׁוֹבֵן) in the land of their enemies who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land that you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen....
- b. God is able to heal our soul after we have sinned against him.
 - (1) **Ps 41:4** 4 Yahweh, be gracious to me [David]. Heal my soul (שׁוֹבֵן), for I have sinned against you!

13. If we fear God, our soul will abide in well-being.

- a. **Ps 25:12-13** 12 Who is the man who fears Yahweh? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. 13 His soul (שׁוֹבֵן) shall abide in well-being, and his seed shall inherit the land.
- b. If we take refuge in God, he will guard our soul.
 - (1) **Ps 25:20** 20 Oh, guard my soul (שׁוֹבֵן), and deliver me [David]! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you [Yahweh].
- c. Our soul will be satisfied with fat and rich food.
 - (1) **Ps 63:5** 5 My soul (שׁוֹבֵן) will be satisfied as with fat and rich food.
- d. If we walk in the ancient paths, the good way, we will find rest for our souls.
 - (1) **Jer 6:16** 16 Thus says Yahweh: Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it, and find rest for your souls (שׁוֹבֵן).

- e. God will feast the soul of the priests with abundance.
 - (1) **Jer 31:14** 14 I will feast the soul (נַפְשִׁי) of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares Yahweh.
- f. If we take Jesus' yoke and learn from him, our souls will find rest.
 - (1) **Mt 11:29** 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (ψυχῆ).

Soul and Church

1. We are to be of one soul.

- a. **Ac 4:32** 32 The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul (ψυχή), and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.
- b. We are with one soul to strive side by side for the faith of the gospel.
 - (1) **Php 1:27** 27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Messiah, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one soul (ψυχή) striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.
- c. We are to be ready to share our own souls with one another.
 - (1) **1 Th 2:8** 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own souls (ψυχή), because you had become very dear to us.
- d. We are to pray that all may go well with the souls of one another.
 - (1) **3 Jn 2:2** 2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul (ψυχή).

2. We are to lay down our souls for one another.

- a. **Jn 15:13** 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his soul (ψυχή) for his friends.
- b. We are to risk our necks for the souls of one another.
 - (1) **Ro 16:3-4** 3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Messiah Jesus, 4 who risked their necks for my soul (ψυχή).
- c. We are to be spent for the souls of one another.
 - (1) **2 Co 12:15** 15 I [Paul] will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls (ψυχή).
- d. We are to risk our souls to complete our service to one another.
 - (1) **Php 2:30** 30 [Epaphroditus] nearly died for the work of Messiah, risking his soul (ψυχή) to complete what was lacking in your service to me.
- e. We are to lay down our souls for one another.
 - (1) **1 Jn 3:16** 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his soul (ψυχή) for us, and we ought to lay down our souls (ψυχή) for the brothers.

3. We are to capture souls.

- a. **Pr 11:30** 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls (שׂוֹפְרֵי נַפְשׁוֹת) is wise.
 - (1) **Ge 14:16** 16 [Abram] ...brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.
- b. We are to be truthful witnesses who save souls.
 - (1) **Pr 14:25** 25 A truthful witness saves souls (שׂוֹפְרֵי נַפְשׁוֹת).
- c. We deliver our souls when we warn the wicked and the righteous.
 - (1) **Eze 3:19-21** 19 If you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul (שׂוֹפְרֵי נַפְשׁוֹת). ...21 But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does

not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul (נַפְשִׁי).

d. Souls are to be added to the church.

(1) **Ac 2:41** 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls (ψυχή).

e. We are to bring back sinners and save their souls from death.

(1) **Jas 5:19-20** 19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

4. Church leaders are to strengthen our souls.

a. **Ac 14:21-22** 21 [Paul and Barnabas] returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls (ψυχή) of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

b. We are to beware of wolves who destroy souls for dishonest gain.

(1) **Eze 22:27** 27 [Israel's] princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, destroying souls (נַפְשִׁי) to get dishonest gain.

c. Church leaders are to keep watch over our souls.

(1) **Heb 13:17** 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls (ψυχή), as those who will have to give an account.

5. Gracious words are sweet to the soul.

a. **Pr 16:24** 24 Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Soul and End Times

1. Satan wants our souls.

- a. **Ge 14:21** 21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the souls (שׂוֹפְרוֹת), but take the goods for yourself.
 - (1) Satan would rather have human souls than all the riches in the world. He wants souls not goods. He'll trade goods for souls any day. He is desperate for human souls. He believes he will defeat God if he captures more and more human souls. And so there is a war between God and Satan over our souls.
- b. Satan cannot touch our souls without God's permission.
 - (1) **Job 2:6** 6 Yahweh said to Satan, Behold, [Job] is in your hand. Only spare his soul (שׂוֹפְרוֹת).
 - (2) When God tells Satan to spare a soul, he must spare it.

2. Our soul may be required of us at any time.

- a. **Lk 12:19-21** 19 I will say to my soul (ψυχή), Soul (ψυχή), you have ample goods laid up for many years Relax, eat, drink, be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul (ψυχή) is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.
 - (1) God may require our soul at any time. So we are to be rich toward him.
- b. We may gain the whole world and yet forfeit our soul.
 - (1) **Mt 16:26** 26 What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world but forfeits his soul (ψυχή)? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul (ψυχή)?
 - (2) **Mk 8:36-37** 36 What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but forfeit his soul (ψυχή)? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul (ψυχή)?

3. The souls of unbelievers are devoted to destruction.

- a. **Jos 11:11** 11 [Israel] struck with the sword all the souls (שׂוֹפְרוֹת) who were in [Hazor], devoting them to destruction. There was none left that breathed. And [Joshua] burned Hazor with fire.
 - (1) Joshua's destruction of Hazor, at God's command, prefigures Jesus' defeat of God's enemies in the end times. Just as Hazor and its inhabitants were devoted to destruction, so will be the earth-dwellers who war against Jesus in the tribulation (see Rev 19).
- b. Souls who commit high-handed sins must be cut off from God's people.
 - (1) **Nu 15:30-31** 30 The soul (שׂוֹפְרוֹת) who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles Yahweh, and that soul (שׂוֹפְרוֹת) shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he has despised the word of Yahweh and has broken his commandment, that soul (שׂוֹפְרוֹת) shall be utterly cut off. His iniquity shall be on him.
- c. God will sling out the souls of his enemies.
 - (1) **1 Sa 25:29** 29 The souls (שׂוֹפְרוֹת) of your enemies [Yahweh] shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling.
- d. God takes away the souls of the godless.

- (1) **Job 27:8** 8 What is the hope of the godless when God cuts him off, when God takes away his soul (שׂוּפָה)?
- e. God is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
 - (1) **Mt 10:28** 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul (ψυχή). Rather fear him who can destroy both soul (ψυχή) and body in hell.
 - (2) This verse does not teach the annihilation of the soul. The destruction of unbelievers' soul and body in hell will be an eternal, conscious destruction. See *Hell*.
- f. Every soul that does not listen to Jesus will be destroyed from God's people.
 - (1) **Ac 3:23** 23 It shall be that every soul (ψυχή) who does not listen to that prophet [Jesus] shall be destroyed from the people [Israel].
- g. Tribulation and distress awaits every human soul who does evil.
 - (1) **Ro 2:9** 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human soul (ψυχή) who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek.
 - (2) But for Jesus' substitutionary death, all of us would be headed for tribulation and distress. We all do evil.

4. **Our soul needs escape from God's judgment.**

- a. **Ge 19:17** 17 Escape for your soul (שׂוּפָה). Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.
- b. God delivers our soul from the pit of destruction.
 - (1) **Is 38:17** 17 In love (קִשָּׁה) you have delivered my soul (שׂוּפָה) from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.
- c. If we put our trust in God, we will have our soul as a prize of war.
 - (1) **Jer 39:18** 18 I [Yahweh] will surely save you [Ebed-Melech], and you shall not fall by the sword, but you shall have your soul (שׂוּפָה) as a prize of war, because you have put your trust in me.
 - (2) **Jer 45:5** 5 Do you [Baruch] seek great things for yourself? Seek them not, for behold, I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares Yahweh. But I will give you your soul (שׂוּפָה) as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.

5. **Our whole soul is to be kept blameless for Jesus' second coming.**

- a. **1 Th 5:23** 23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul (ψυχή), and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Messiah.

6. **The souls of those who have been slain for God's word will be avenged.**

- a. **Re 6:9** 9 When [Jesus] opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls (ψυχή) of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.
 - (1) Our soul continues to live after we physically die.

7. **The souls of those who are faithful to God will come to life and reign.**

- a. **Re 20:4** 4 I saw the souls (ψυχή) of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.

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