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- Many ask questions in an attempt to avoid accountability.
- Many ask questions to avoid the consequences of the evidence. (but, but, but, ...)
- Many ask the wrong questions in search of the wrong answers.

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²³ The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, ²⁴ saying: “Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁵ Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. ²⁶ Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. ²⁷ Last of all the woman died also. ²⁸ Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her.” ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

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³¹ But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ³² *‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’*? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” ³³ And when the multitudes heard *this*, they were astonished at His teaching. ³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “ *‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’* ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment.

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³⁹ And *the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “*The Son of David.*” ⁴³ He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘*Lord,*’ saying: ⁴⁴ *The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’*”? ⁴⁵ If David then calls Him ‘*Lord,*’ how is He his Son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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Questions To Avoid Accountability



- “Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?” (Ex. 5:2; 2 Kin. 18:35; Acts 17:22-34)
- “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Gen. 4:9; 1 Cor. 8:11–13)
- “...Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?” (Numbers 16:3; cf. 12:2; 2 Pet. 2:10; Jude 8)

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Questions To Avoid Truth



- “Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be?” (Mat. 22:28,29;)
- “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.” (Mat. 12:10;)
- “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?” (Mat. 19:3;)

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Questions In Search of Wrong Answers



- “Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?” (1 Kings 22:6-28)
- “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” (Mat. 22:17)
- “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.” (Mat. 12:10;)
- “Moses ... commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” (Jno. 8:5)

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MODERN EXAMPLES OF ?'S OF DOUBT



■ Hypothetical questions:

- * *What if an unsaved person is killed on his way to the baptistry?*
- * *What if a Christian says a dirty word just before he is killed?*

■ Prejudicial questions:

- * *Why do you think the church of Christ is the only saved church?*

■ Uniformed questions:

- * *Why do you believe in water salvation or works salvation?*

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MODERN EXAMPLES OF ?'S OF DOUBT



■ Wrong questions?

- * *Where does the Bible say we can't have instruments of music?*
- * *Where does the Bible say we have to partake of the Lord's supper every Sunday?*

■ Misleading questions:

- * *Why do you reject what the Bible clearly says and believe we are **not** saved by grace through faith, but by works?*

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■ Biblical examples of salvation:

- * *People were told to believe, repent, confess and be baptized in the NT? (Acts 2:21-42; 8:12-16, 31-38; 10:43-47; etc.)*
- * *Christians who sin are to repent & confess? (Ac 8:22,23; 1 Jn 1:9)*

■ The church in the NT:

- * *The church Jesus built is comprised of all the saved - i.e., those who follow Him (Mat. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23,24; etc.)*

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■ Biblical examples of worship:

- * *The Lord's supper (Act 20:7; 1 Cor 11:23-34)*
- * *Prayer (Acts 4:23-31)*
- * *Sacrificial giving (1 Cor 16:1,2)*
- * *SINGING psalms, hymns & spiritual songs (Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16)*
- * *Preaching / teaching (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 14; Eph 4:12-16)*

■ **True worship is revealed worship**
Rom. 10:17; John 4:22

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- What did Jesus, Paul, Peter and John teach about baptism?
 - * Believe & be baptized (Mk 16:16)
 - * Repent & be baptized (Ac 2:38)
 - * Baptism is **when** the believer's sins are forgiven (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:12,13)
 - * Baptism is **when** the believer enters into Christ & puts on Christ (Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27)
 - * A part of the new birth (Jn 3:3-5)

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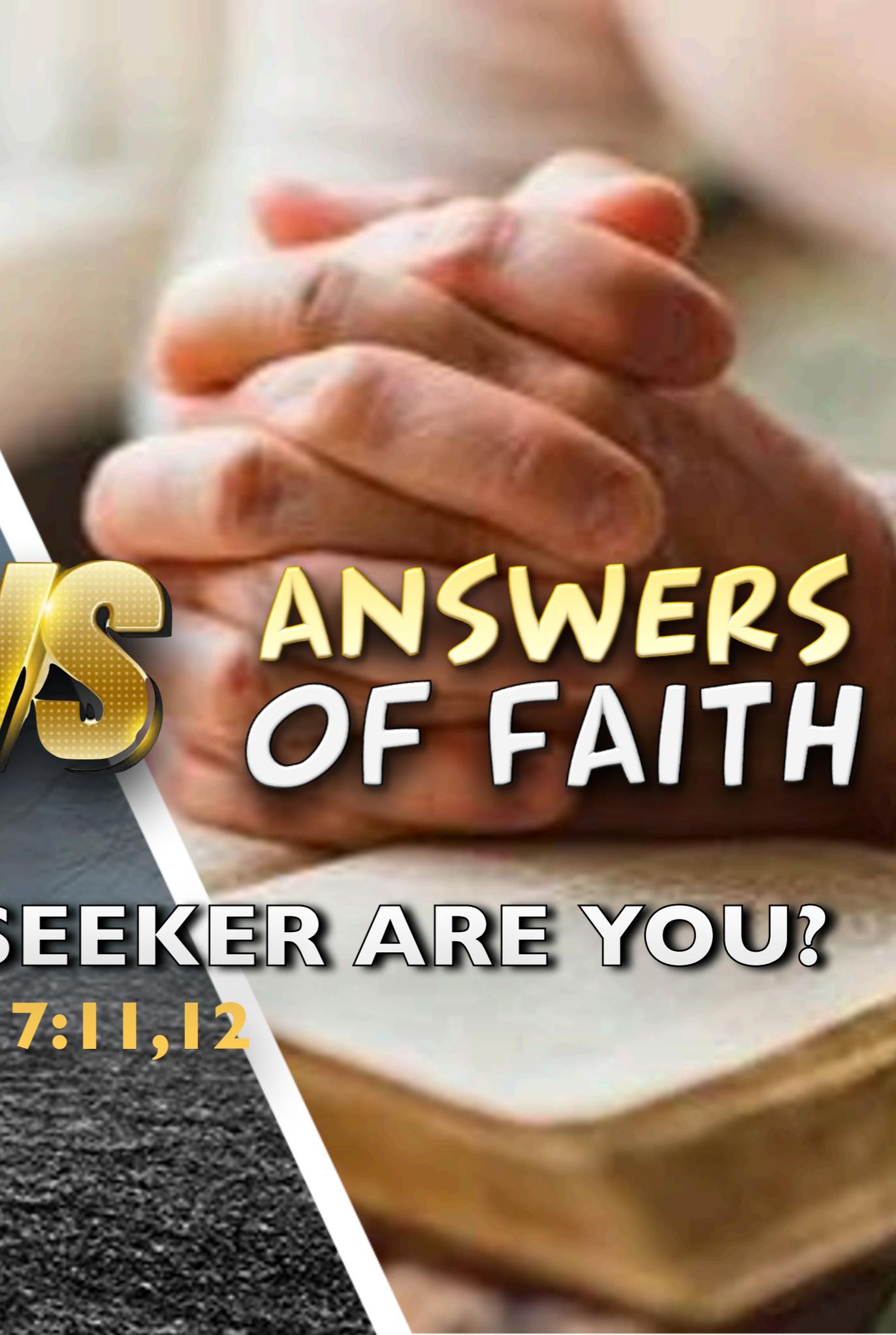
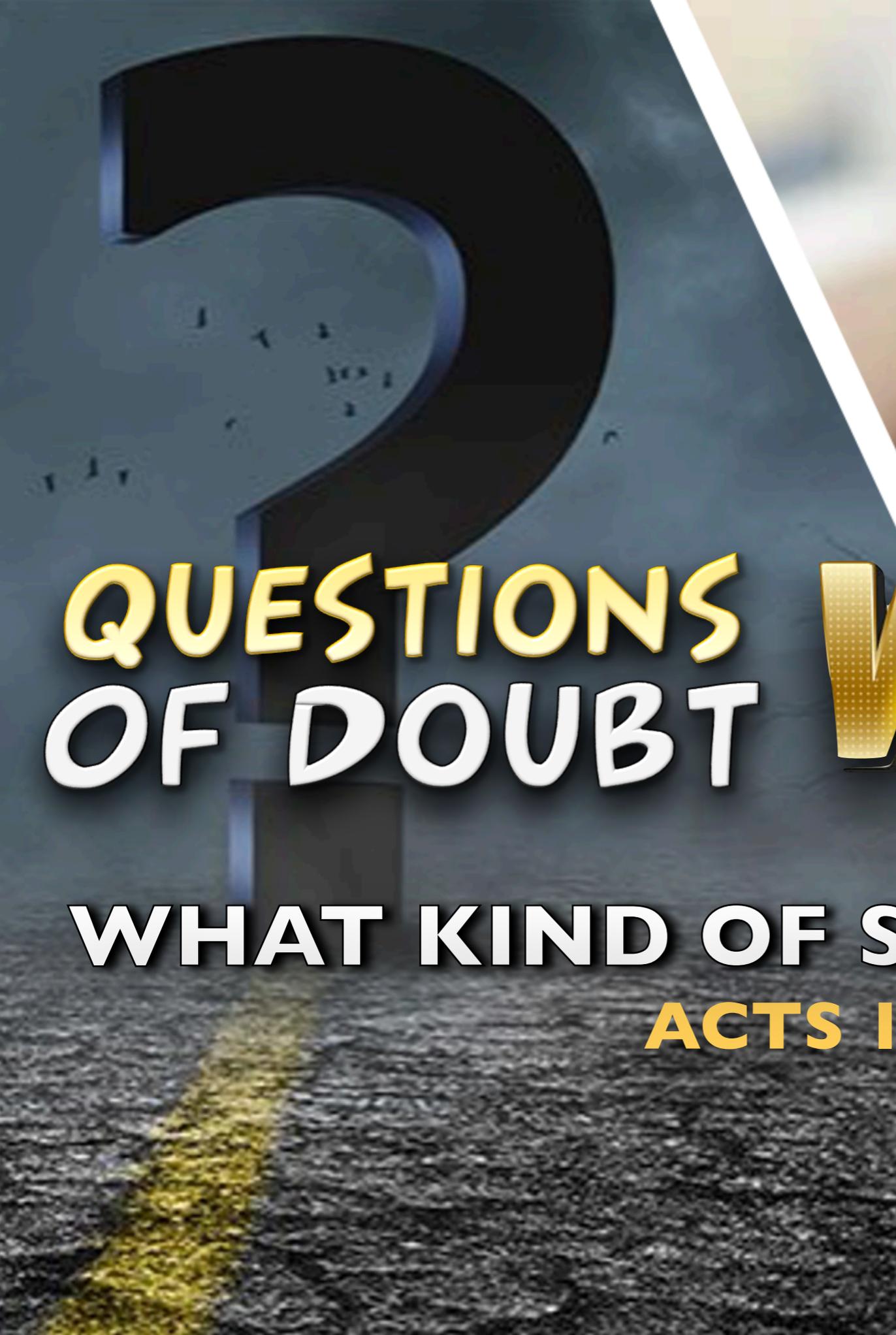
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WHAT KIND OF SEEKER ARE YOU?

ACTS 17:11,12



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Luke 20:27–38 (NKJV)

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³⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶ nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But even Moses showed in the *burning bush passage* that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord ‘*the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.*’ ³⁸ For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.”