

**In Matthew 12:40, Jesus says,** <sup>40</sup> *For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Why do we teach that He died on a Friday and resurrected on Sunday? It doesn't add up.*

**John 20:1** - *Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.*

**What does Jesus mean in Matthew 12:31-32?** <sup>31</sup> *And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.*

**Seeing the work of God and hearing the truth of God and attributing it to Satan.**

**Could you give perspective on Deuteronomy 32:8-9 when the Most High divided mankind and took Israel as His portion? Were there other god's that other nations worshipped throughout the Old Testament at this time?**

**Deuteronomy 32:8-9** *Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. <sup>8</sup> When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. <sup>9</sup> For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.*

**Can you give perspective on Psalm 82?**

**Psalm 82** - *God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the "gods": <sup>2</sup> "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? <sup>3</sup> Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. <sup>5</sup> "The 'gods' know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. <sup>6</sup> "I said, 'You are "gods"; you are all sons of the Most High.' <sup>7</sup> But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler." <sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.*

**What is meant by the third Heaven? 2 Corinthians 12:2-4** - <sup>2</sup> *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.*

**The first heaven is the earth's atmosphere.**

**The second is interplanetary and interstellar space.**

**The third is the abode of God.**

**What does Jesus mean in Matthew 7:21-23** <sup>21</sup> *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"*

**James 1:22-25** - <sup>22</sup> *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.*

**James 2:18-19** - *Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.*

**2:24** - <sup>24</sup> *You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.*

**2:26** - <sup>26</sup> *As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

**Why is Satan given some much authority in our lives even after we become believers in Christ? I understand some of our trials and temptations help us solidify our commitment to Christ. But even after we have fully committed to Christ why doesn't He guard us from all of Satan's attacks?**

**2 Peter 3:9** - <sup>9</sup> *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

## What is the new covenant that God made with us?

**Hebrews 9:1-15** - *Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup> which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup> Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. <sup>6</sup> When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. <sup>7</sup> But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. <sup>8</sup> The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. <sup>9</sup> This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. <sup>10</sup> They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order. <sup>11</sup> But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. <sup>12</sup> He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. <sup>14</sup> How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! <sup>15</sup> For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.*