

Satan and his demons have deceived people with lies about the condition of the dead. These lies have led to many unscriptural customs. This article will help you remain faithful to Jehovah when others try to pressure you to engage in such customs.

(1 John 4:6) We originate with God. Whoever comes to know God listens to us; whoever does not originate with God does not listen to us. By this we distinguish the inspired statement of truth from the inspired statement of error.

Paragraph 1

(John 8:44) You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a murderer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie.

(Jude 3) Beloved ones, although I was making every effort to write you about the salvation we hold in common, I found it necessary to write you to urge you to put up a hard fight for the faith that was once for all time delivered to the holy ones.

Paragraph 2

(Ephesians 6:11) Put on the complete suit of armor from God so that you may be able to stand firm against the crafty acts of the Devil;

Paragraph 3

(Genesis 2:16, 17) Jehovah God also gave this command to the man: “From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. 17 But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad, you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will certainly die.”

(Genesis 3:4) At this the serpent said to the woman: “You certainly will not die.

(Genesis 3:6) Consequently, the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something desirable to the eyes, yes, the tree was pleasing to look at. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward, she also gave some to her husband when he was with her, and he began eating it.

(Romans 5:12) That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because they had all sinned—.

Paragraph 4

(1 Timothy 4:1) However, the inspired word clearly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to misleading inspired statements and teachings of demons,

Paragraph 5

(Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has even put eternity in their heart; yet mankind will never find out the work that the true God has made from start to finish.

(1 Corinthians 15:26) And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing.

Paragraph 6

(Ecclesiastes 9:5) For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing at all, nor do they have any more reward, because all memory of them is forgotten.

(Ecclesiastes 9:10) Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all your might, for there is no work nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom in the Grave, where you are going.

(Acts 24:15) And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

(John 11:11-14) After he said these things, he added: “Laz'a·rus our friend has fallen asleep, but I am traveling there to awaken him.” 12 The disciples then said to him: “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will get well.” 13 Jesus, however, had spoken about his death. But they imagined he was speaking about taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus said to them plainly: “Laz'a·rus has died,

Paragraph 8

(1 John 4:8) Whoever does not love has not come to know God, because God is love.

(Jeremiah 19:5) They built the high places of Ba'al in order to burn their sons in the fire as whole burnt offerings to Ba'al, something that I had not commanded or spoken of and that had never even come into my heart.”

Paragraph 9

(Matthew 20:28) Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many.”

(John 3:16) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.

(John 15:13) No one has love greater than this, that someone should surrender his life in behalf of his friends.

Paragraph 12

(2 Corinthians 6:17) “‘Therefore, get out from among them, and separate yourselves,’ says Jehovah, ‘and quit touching the unclean thing’; “and I will take you in.”

(1 Corinthians 10:21, 22) You cannot be drinking the cup of Jehovah and the cup of demons; you cannot be partaking of “the table of Jehovah” and the table of demons. 22 Or ‘are we inciting Jehovah to jealousy’? We are not stronger than he is, are we?

Paragraph 13

(James 1:5) So if any one of you is lacking in wisdom, let him keep asking God, for he gives generously to all and without reproaching, and it will be given him.

(Hebrews 5:14) But solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their powers of discernment trained to distinguish both right and wrong.

Paragraph 14

(1 Corinthians 10:31, 32) Therefore, whether you are eating or drinking or doing anything else, do all things for God’s glory. 32 Keep from becoming causes for stumbling to Jews as well as Greeks and to the congregation of God,

(Mark 9:42) But whoever stumbles one of these little ones who have faith, it would be better for him if a millstone that is turned by a donkey were put around his neck and he were pitched into the sea.

Paragraph 15

(Isaiah 43:10) “You are my witnesses,” declares Jehovah, “Yes, my servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and have faith in me And understand that I am the same One. Before me no God was formed, And after me there has been none.

Paragraph 16

(Romans 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the good news; it is, in fact, God’s power for salvation to everyone having faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Paragraph 17

(Proverbs 17:17) A true friend shows love at all times And is a brother who is born for times of distress.

Paragraph 18

(Romans 12:15) Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

(John 11:17) When Jesus arrived, he found that Laz'a-rus had already been in the tomb for four days.

(John 11:33-35) When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he groaned within himself and became troubled. 34 He said: “Where have you laid him?” They said to him: “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus gave way to tears.

Paragraph 19

(Ecclesiastes 3:7) A time to rip apart and a time to sew together; A time to be silent and a time to speak;

(Job 6:2, 3) “If only my anguish could be fully weighed And put on scales together with my calamity! 3 For now it is heavier than the sands of the seas. That is why my words have been wild talk.

(Psalm 65:2) O Hearer of prayer, to you people of all sorts will come.

Paragraph 20

(John 5:28, 29) Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.