

*According to the old law, the Bible states that we shouldn't seek contact with dead spirits, but why is it that Jesus contacted Lazarus when he brought him back to life? Also, does that rule apply if you're only seeking to help someone? Whether it's to give others peace of mind or save those that are being tortured by these spirits. Is a dead spirit something demonic?*

God's law perpetual and ongoing (Mt 5:18). Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that *observe and do; but do not ye after their works*: for they say, and do not (Emphasis mine, Mt 23:2–3)." Christ-followers are to do what God has commanded; but they are not to do what has been commanded by man due to tradition. Furthermore, Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Mt 5:17. Jesus' true followers keep his commandments (1 Jn 5:3).

The Lord Jesus is the creator of all things (Is. 40:28). He created Lazarus (Jn 1:1-3). Since God is the creator of life; he; rightfully, can take or restore life. Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth" (Jn 11:44). He said Lazarus' name—or all of the dead would have risen from their graves (Jn 11:1–44).

Jesus explained that Lazarus' death would be used to bring about God's glory (v. 4). He explained that he is the resurrection (11:25–27) and then raised Lazarus from the dead (v. 44).

It is forbidden to attempt to communicate with the dead (Deut 18:10b-12a). One should not do evil that good come of it (Ro 3:8).

Not only is it forbidden to speak to the dead, it is also impossible (Lk 16:26). When one believes that he is seeing or speaking with a deceased person; he is; in fact, in contact with a demon pretending to be light (2 Co 11:14).

J. Vernon McGee said:

"...Hell is speaking to earth, as well as heaven. Any information coming that route—it looks supernatural and it may be supernatural—comes from the pits of hell....Why not listen to the one...who says, 'I was dead and I'm alive forevermore and I have the keys of death and of the grave. Why not go to him...for your information?'"<sup>1</sup>

Jesus speaks to men primarily through his word. The Spirit of God speaks to those who will listen (Acts 28:25). He: teaches (Jn 14:26), strives with sinners (Ge 6:3), comforts (Ac 9:31) and helps us in our weaknesses (Ro 8:26).<sup>2</sup>

If an individual is in need of deliverance from demon/s<sup>3</sup>, he can pray for himself or ask for elders in the church for assistance.

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<sup>1</sup> McGee, J. Vernon. Can the Dead Speak to the Living? 10 Sept 2017: <http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/thru-the-bible-sunday-sermon/listen//can-the-dead-speak-to-the-living-613719.html>

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 292). Nashville, TN: Thomas

<sup>3</sup> Demonic possession is: not insanity (Matt. 4:24), not disease (Mark 1:32). Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996).