

Can A Spirit Being Die?

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Can a spirit being die? More exactly: Can deity (a divine personage) die? If Yahshua the Messiah pre-existed as Deity, or as a Spiritual Being before the world was created, was it possible for him to die (on the tree)? Let the Scriptures answer.

"And Yahshua answering said unto them, The sons of this age marry, and are given in marriage, but those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, **for they cannot die** any more, because they are **equal to the angels**; and are **sons of Yahweh**, being sons of the resurrection." (Lu.20:34-36, RSV).

We see that angels of Yahweh **cannot die**. Once resurrected we will be "equal to the angels" in that we cannot die either. Why is this? It is because we are sons of Yahweh, being sons of the resurrection. But when do we become spirit beings? Is this the same as becoming "sons of Yahweh?"

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in **incorruption**: It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in **glory**: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in **power**: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a **spiritual body**." (1Cor.15:35, 42-44).

It is at the (first) resurrection that we become a spirit being - that we obtain a spiritual body. Please notice the following things that happen at the (first) resurrection:

- 1) We are raised in **power**
- 2) We are raised in **glory**
- 3) We are raised **in incorruption**
- 4) We are raised to **immortality** (1 Cor.15:52)
- 5) We are raised **equal to the angels**
- 6) We are raised to become **sons of Yahweh**, being sons of the resurrection
- 7) We are raised with a **spiritual body**
- 8) We are raised to immortality so we **cannot die** any more

Luke says those of the first resurrection **cannot die**. Synonyms of "cannot die" are "incorruption" and "immortal." Paul says those of the first resurrection come forth as spiritual bodies and are incorruptible and put on immortality. Accepting the statements of both Luke and Paul, we find that **spirit beings cannot die**.

When did Yahshua become a spirit being? Again, the Scriptures have the answer. "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [Yahshua] was made a quickening [life-giving] spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual."(1Co.15:44-46).

This indicates the Messiah was not a spirit being before he was born physically. The physical (body) comes, then the spiritual (body). When was Yahshua declared to be the son of Yahweh? Just as we will be sons of Yahweh by our resurrection from the dead, so Yahshua was declared to be the son of Yahweh "**by his resurrection from the dead**" (Rom.1:4).

Conclusion? Once mortal man receives immortality (a spiritual body) he cannot die. **Is Deity any less?** We must conclude, then, that Deity cannot die - in the past, the present, or in the future. Therefore, Yahshua was not Deity nor did he exist as a spiritual being before the world existed - except in the plans of the Father - plans made from the beginning.

"Who verily was foreordained [in the plans] before the foundation of the world, **but was manifest in these last times** for you," (1Pe.1:20).