

1 ☐ The Apocrypha

Contradictions to the Inspired Word of God

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4 ☐ Example 1. Praying for the Dead

- 2 Maccabees 12:46 It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.
- We are to pray for one another whilst they are alive, not when they are dead.
- Prayers for the dead go unanswered. See Luke 16:19-30.
- James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- We are to pray for the saints –not to dead ones. 2 Corinthians 8:4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.
- Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

5 ☐ Example 2. The Souls of the Dead

- 1 Esdras 4:41 Then said I, No, Lord. That can she not. And he said unto me, In the grave, the chambers of souls are like the womb of the woman:
- Contrary to Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
- Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
- 2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

6 ☐ Example 3. Born Without Original Sin

- Wisdom 8:19-20 For I was a witty child, and had a good spirit. 20 Yea, rather being good, I came into a body undefiled.
- Contrary to Psalm 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

7 ☐ Example 4. Idol Worship

- Wisdom 14:15 For a father afflicted with untimely mourning, when he hath made an image of his child soon taken away, now honoured him as a god, which was then a dead man, and delivered to those that were under him, ceremonies and sacrifices.
- Contrary to Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

8 ☐ Examples 5. Suicide Commended

- 2 Maccabees 14: 37 Now was there accused unto Nicanor, one Razis, one of the Elders of Jerusalem, a lover of his country men, and a man of very good report, who for his kindness was called a father of the Jews... 41 Now when the multitude would have taken the tower, and violently broken into the outer door, and bade that fire should be brought to burn it, he being ready to be taken on every side, fell upon his sword, 42 Choosing rather to die manfully, than to come into the hands of the wicked to be abused otherwise than beseemed his noble birth... 46. When as his blood was now quite gone, he plucked out his bowels, and taking them in both hands, he cast them upon the Lord of life and spirit to restore him those again, he thus died.
- This is Contrary to the sixth commandment- Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt not kill. Compare with Judas Iscariot who also committed suicide: Matthew 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

9 ☐ Example 6. Offerings for the Dead

- 2 Maccabees 12:43 And when he had made a gathering throughout the company, to the sum of two thousand drachmas of silver, he sent it unto Jerusalem to offer a sin offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindful of the resurrection.
- Contrary to Psalm 49:7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: 8 (For the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)