

*Third Mystery: The dead in Christ: can they see us as we continue to live our lives?*

**Hebrews 12:1** – we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses; these witnesses are the dead in Christ.

*Fourth Mystery: There are spirits that do not come under the authority of satan, who can deceive and cause destruction, on the instruction of God:*

- ❖ **2 Chronicles 18:18-22** – e.g. lying spirit to Ahab
- ❖ **Judges 9:23** – spirit was sent by God
- ❖ **1 Samuel 16: 14** – the evil spirit that troubled Saul was from the Lord
- ❖ **Revelation 9:11** – the locusts that came out of the bottomless pit had a king Abaddon/Apolyon, and they acted upon God's command to attack.

We do not know the conversations that God is having in the spiritual realm. The devil is constantly asking God for permission to test people and cause destruction; he is constantly accusing us in the presence of God. But God is the one who ultimately gives permission for him to do anything.