



# Cloud of Witnesses-Session I

## Introduction

### Who are the Cloud of Witnesses and is it OK to interact with them?

#### I. Introduction: Who can we interact with in the Spiritual Realm?

- A. God (Trinity)
- B. Angels
- C. Cloud of Witnesses
- D. Other beings

#### II. What is the Cloud of Witnesses?

- A. Hebrews 12:1: People who have a life on earth and are now alive in heaven. They are observing and interacting with events on earth.
- B. Common objections to interacting with them
  - 1. Is it necromancing? No, people in heaven aren't dead.
  - 2. Is it worship? No, talking to someone doesn't mean you're worshipping them (Rev. 22:9).

#### III. How I first started seeing the Cloud of Witnesses

- A. Worship
- B. First interaction

#### IV. My first objection: Is this my imagination?

#### V. My second objection: Why can't I just talk to Jesus?

#### VI. Where is it in the Bible?

- A. Zechariah 1--"the man standing among the myrtle trees"
- B. Zechariah 2--the man measuring Jerusalem. An angel referred to this person from heaven as a "young man" (Zech. 2:4). The word in Hebrew is *naar*--a word always used for a person, not an angel.
- C. Zechariah 3:7, God declared: "I will give you free access among those standing here" (NAS). We have free access to God, angels, and people living in heaven.
- D. If people in the Bible talked to them, why can't I?
- E. If I can talk to God, why can't I talk to others in heave

