

People may pray to dead relatives and other dead people in heaven. The dead are dead as proven by many Scriptures mentioned before under the popular religious belief, when one dies he goes immediately to heaven, hell, or another place. Other than the possible exceptions of Moses, Enoch, and Elijah mentioned under that popular religious belief, dead people are not in heaven. Our dead relatives and other dead remain in the grave until Jesus calls them from the grave as Jesus attests to in John 5:28, 29. They cannot hear anyone praying to them. Prayer is a form of worship and worship is intended only for God, not for the dead. The Bible teaches that worship, which includes prayer, is for God alone. In Revelation 19:10 where an angel spoke to the disciple John, John fell at the angel's feet to worship him. The angel told John, "See *thou do it not...worship God.*" In Matthew 4:10 Jesus says, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, him only shalt thou serve."