



## II. The Soul Life (Hebrew OT Word = Nephesh; Greek NT Word = Psuche)

- A. Some Bible scholars point out that there are three different words employed in the Greek to designate “life” : (1) bios, (2) psuche, and (3) zoe. They all describe life but convey very different meanings.
1. **Bios** has reference to the means of life or living. This meaning was conveyed in the story of the woman who cast into the temple treasury, her whole living (Mk.12:41-44; livelihood).
  2. **Psuche** refers to the animated life of man, his natural life or the life of the soul; specific to human life (Nephesh).
  3. **Zoe** is the highest life, the life of the Spirit of God. Whenever the Bible speaks of eternal life it uses this word.
- B. “Soul life” is man’s natural life, an expression of the composite of his mental, emotional and volitional (willful) energies.
- C. Knowing that the soul is mans own life is a most important fact to recognise for it bears greatly upon the kind of Christian we become, whether spiritual or soulish.

