LESSON 23

The Resurrection of the Body

Read: Job 19:25-27; John 5:25-29; 1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. Q. What will Jesus do when He returns?

   A. He will raise up the _ _ _ _ _ _ of all who have died.

2. Q. Will the bodies of the saved and the unsaved be alike at the resurrection? (Daniel 12:2)

   A. No, the saved will be raised to everlasting _ _ _ _ , and the unsaved to _ _ _ _ _ and everlasting _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

The resurrection of the body is a glorious hope for all who have repented of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ. They can look forward to it without fear. But it will be a terrible time for all who have died unsaved. They will cry to the mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them from the face of Jesus (Revelation 6:16).

For some people, it is difficult to believe in the resurrection of the body. For when we die, our whole earthly tabernacle is dissolved. Every part is doomed to corruption and mingles with the dust of the earth. Some people were eaten by animals or fish in the sea.

Those who were buried have been drawn up into plant life. Some people were cremated and from a plane their ashes were scattered by the wind.

But regardless of what has happened to our bodies, Scripture teaches that in the resurrection, our bodies will be raised and reunited with our souls (Job 19:25-26).

I. The Intermediate State

1. Q. What happens to a person who dies? (Ecclesiastes 12:7)

   A. "Then shall the _ _ _ _ return to the _ _ _ _ _ as it was: and the _ _ _ _ _ _ shall _ _ _ _ _ _ unto _ _ _ who gave it."
2. Q. What confidence may the true believer have? (2 Corinthians 5:8)

   A. With Paul, true Christians can be confident that to be _ _ _ _ _ _ from the body is to be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with the _ _ _ _ .
3. Q. What did Jesus say about the rich man who died? (Luke 16:22c, 23a)

   A. The rich man died and was _ _ _ _ _ _ and he went to _ _ _ _ . There he was in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

II. The Certainty of the Resurrection of the Body

1. The Bible records ten occasions on which the dead were raised to life. Their resurrection proves God's ability to raise the dead. In the following passages, we learn who they were and by whom they were raised.

   (a) 1 Kings 17:10, 22: The _ _ _ of the _ _ _ _ _ in Zarephath was raised by E _ _ _ _ _ .

   (b) 2 Kings 4:35-37: The son of the Sh _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ was raised by E _ _ _ _ _ .

   (c) 2 Kings 13:21: The man that was cast into the sepulchre of E _ _ _ _ _ .

   (d) Luke 7:11-15: The _ _ _ of the _ _ _ _ _ at N _ _ _ was raised by _ _ _ _ _ .

   (e) Luke 8:41, 42, 49-55: The _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of Jairus was raised by _ _ _ _ _ .

   (f) John 11:43, 44: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ was raised by _ _ _ _ _ .

   (g) Matthew 27:52-53: Many _ _ _ _ _ _ arose after the resurrection of _ _ _ _ _ .

   (h) Acts 9:36-37; 40-41: Tabitha was _ _ _ _ _ _ by the instrumentality of the Apostle _ _ _ _ _ .

   (i) Acts 20:9-12: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ was raised by the instrumentality of the Apostle _ _ _ _ .

2. Q. Whose resurrection is not listed among the references above?

   A. The resurrection of _ _ _ _ _ .

3. Q. Who did Jesus say would be raised again? (John 5:28b)

   A. All that _ _ _ in the _ _ _ _ _ _ .

4. Unto what would they be raised? (John 5:29)

   (a) "They that have done good, unto the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ and

   (b) they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

5. Q. What do we read in Acts 24:15?

   A. "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the _ _ _ _ and the _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

6. Will the saved and the unsaved be raised at the same time? (1 Corinthians 15:52)

   (a) Yes

   (b) No

   Underline the correct answer.

7. In what way will the saved and the unsaved then differ? (Daniel 12:2b)

   (a) The saved shall be raised to everlasting _ _ _ _ .

   (b) The unsaved shall be raised to _ _ _ _ _ and everlasting _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

8. Q. What did Job say regarding his future hope? (Job 19:25, 26)

   A. Job was so assured that his body would be raised and reunited with his soul that he wrote: "For I _ _ _ _ that my _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ liveth, and that he shall _ _ _ _ _ at the _ _ _ _ _ _ day upon the _ _ _ _ _ : and though after my _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ destroy this _ _ _ _ , yet in my _ _ _ _ _ shall I _ _ _ God."

III. The Nature of the Resurrection Body

1. When Jesus comes again, what will happen to the saints living then? (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52)

   (a) They will first die and then be raised.

   (b) They will not die but will be changed.

   Underline the correct answer.

2. Q. According to 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, in which four ways is our present body buried?

   A. It is sown:

   (a) in c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

   (b) in d _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

   (c) in w _ _ _ _ _ _

   (d) a n _ _ _ _ _ _ b _ _ _ .

3. Q. According to 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 in which four ways will the believer's new body be raised?

   A. It will be raised:

   (a) in i _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

   (b) in g _ _ _ _

   (c) in p _ _ _ _

   (d) a s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ b _ _ _ .

4. Q. How will the believer's body then be changed? (Philippians 3:21)

   A. The believer's vile body will then be changed and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ like unto His _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ body.

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