

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?

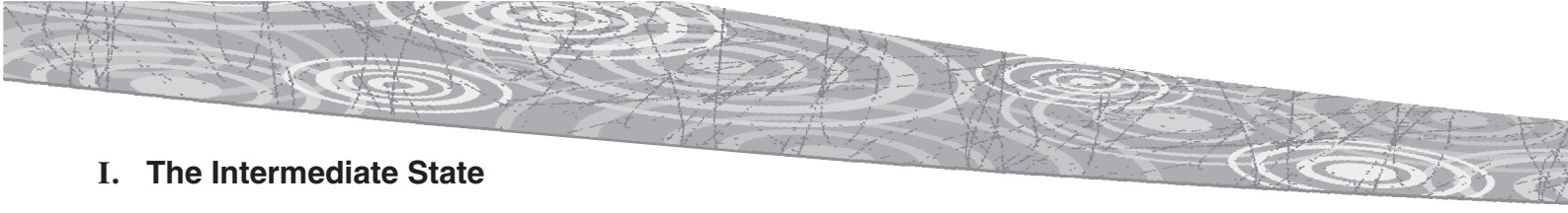
A. No, the saved will be raised to everlasting _____, and the unsaved to _____ and everlasting _____ (Daniel 12:2).

The resurrection of the body is a glorious hope for all who have repented of their sins and believed 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 winds.

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



I. The Intermediate State

1. Q. What happens to a person who dies?

A. "Then shall the _____ return to the _____ as it was: and the _____ shall _____ unto _____ who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

2. Q. What confidence may the true believer have?

A. With Paul, true Christians can be confident that to be _____ from the body is to be _____ with the _____ (2 Corinthians 5:8).

3. Q. What did Jesus say about the rich man who died?

A. The rich man died and was _____ and he went to _____. There he was in _____ (Luke 16:22c, 23a).

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.

1 Kings 17:10, 22: The _____ of the _____ in Zarephath was raised by E _____.

2 Kings 4:35-37: The son of the Sh _____ was raised by E _____.

2 Kings 13:21: The man that was cast into the sepulchre of E _____.

Luke 7:11-15: The _____ of the _____ at N _____ was raised by _____.

Luke 8:41, 42, 49-55: The _____ of Jairus was raised by _____.

John 11:43, 44: _____ was raised by _____.

Matthew 27:52, 53: Many _____ arose after the resurrection of _____.

Acts 9:36-37; 40-41: Tabitha was _____ by the instrumentality of the Apostle _____.

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?

A. All that ____ in the _____ (John 5:28b). 4. Q. Unto what would they be raised?

A. (a) "They that have done good, unto the _____ of _____ and

(b) they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of _____ " (John 5:29).

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

A. "There will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the _____ and the _____."

6. Q. Will the saved and the unsaved be raised at the same time?

A. (a) Yes

(b) No

(1 Corinthians 15:52). *Underline the correct answer.*

7. Q. In what way will the saved and the unsaved then differ?

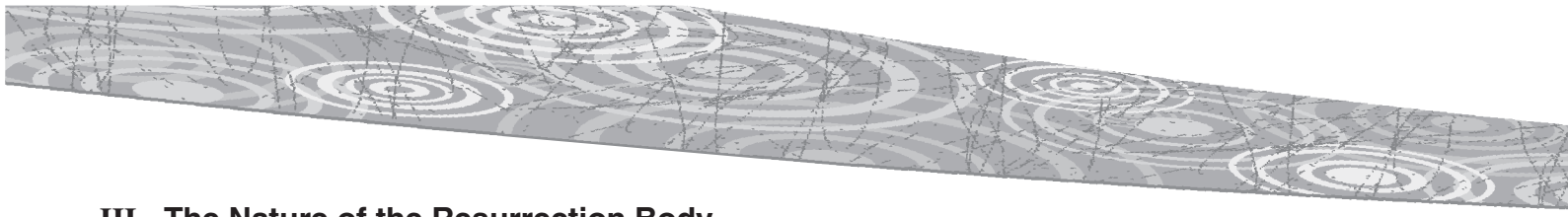
A. (a) The saved shall be raised to everlasting _____.

(b) The unsaved shall be raised to _____ and everlasting _____ (Daniel 12:2b).

8. Q. What did Job say regarding his future hope?

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 _____ that the _____ day upon
the _____ : and though after my _____ destroy this _____, yet in my _____ shall
I _____ God" (Job 19:25, 26).



III. The Nature of the Resurrection Body

1. **Q.** When Jesus comes again, what will happen to the then living saints?
 - A.** (a) They will first die and then be raised (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52).
 - (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 in
 - (a) 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?
 - A.** The believer's vile body will then be changed and _____ like unto His _____ body (Philippians 3:21).

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