

ESCHATOLOGY - II

"THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD"

I. TWO LESSONS ON THE RESURRECTION.

- A. ***The first lesson***--The foundational teaching of the resurrection.
- B. ***The second lesson***--The nature of the resurrection.
 1. The general nature of the resurrection--What Jesus said about the resurrection.
 2. Characteristics of the believer's body.
 - a. Incorruptibility.
 - b. Immortality.
 - c. Recognizability.
 - d. What form will we have?
 - e. Will we recognize one another?
 - f. How old will we be in the resurrection?
 3. Every man in his own order.
 4. Then comes the end.

II. THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

- A. ***Spiritual resurrection.***
 1. John 5:25 (John 5:25 KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
 2. Rom. 6:4 (Rom 6:4 KJV) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
 3. Eph. 2:1,5,6 (Eph 2:1 KJV) And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins:(Eph 2:5 KJV) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)(Eph 2:6 KJV) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- B. ***But, there is a bodily resurrection.***
 1. At death, spirit leaves body; returns to God.
 2. Body is buried in the ground.
 3. The resurrection of the body.

III. THE RESURRECTION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

- A. ***By positive statement or declaration.***
 1. *Job.*
 - a. (Job 14:14 KJV) If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.
 - b. (Job 19:25 KJV) For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he

shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: (Job 19:26 KJV) And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:(Job 19:27 KJV) Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

2. *David.*

a. (Psa 16:9 KJV) Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.(Psa 16:10 KJV) For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

b. (Psa 17:15 KJV) As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

B. ***By practical demonstration.***

1. *Elijah.* I Kings 17:17-24(1 Ki 17:17 KJV) And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.(1 Ki 17:18 KJV) Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.(1 Ki 17:20 KJV) And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.(1 Ki 17:22 KJV) And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.(1 Ki 17:23 KJV) And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.(1 Ki 17:24 KJV)

2. *Elisha.*

a. II Kings 4:32-35 (2 Ki 4:32 KJV) And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.(2 Ki 4:33 KJV) He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.(2 Ki 4:34 KJV) And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.(2 Ki 4:35 KJV) Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

b. (2 Ki 13:21 KJV) And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

IV. THE RESURRECTION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. ***By positive declaration or statement.***

1. (1 Pet 1:3 KJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively

- hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
2. (John 6:39 KJV) And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
 3. (John 6:54 KJV) Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

B. *By practical demonstration.*

1. Lazarus (Jn. 11:41-44)
 - a. "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee." (John 11:21-22).
 - b. "Jesus said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again." (Jn. 11:23).
 - c. "Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." (v. 24).
 - d. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live..." (v. 25).
2. Jairus' daughter (Lu. 8:41-42, 49-56)

"Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole." (v. 50).
 Took only Peter, James, John, the father and mother.
 "And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth." (v. 52).
 "And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead."
 "And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise."
 "And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat."
1. The widow's son at Nain. (Lu. 7:12-15).
2. Our Lord (Mat. 28; John 20).

V. ARGUMENT FOR THE RESURRECTION.

- A. (1 Cor 15:12 KJV) Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?
 (1 Cor 15:13 KJV) But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:
 (1 Cor 15:14 KJV) And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. (1 Cor 15:15 KJV) Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.
 (1 Cor 15:16 KJV) For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:
 (1 Cor 15:17 KJV) And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.
 (1 Cor 15:18 KJV) Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.
- A. (1 Cor 15:19 KJV) If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
- B. (1 Cor 15:29 KJV) Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the

- dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?
- C. (1 Cor 15:32 KJV) If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

VI. THE RESURRECTION WAS THE CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL.

- A. (Acts 4:33 KJV) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.
- B. (Acts 17:18 KJV) Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.
- C. (Rom 1:4 KJV) And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
- D. (Rom 6:5 KJV) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

AN ERROR--THAT THE RESURRECTION IS ALREADY PAST. (2 Tim 2:18 KJV) Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

THE GENERAL RESURRECTION WILL BE TWO-FOLD.

- (Dan 12:2 KJV) And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- (John 5:28 KJV) Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,(John 5:29 KJV) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.
- (Luke 14:14 KJV) And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.
- (Acts 24:14 KJV) But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: (Acts 24:15 KJV) And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
- (Rev 20:4 KJV) And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Rev 20:5 KJV) But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.(Rev 20:6 KJV) Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. (Rev 20:14 KJV) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

