

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Ac.24:15; Jno.5:28,29

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The resurrection of the dead may or may not interest some people, depending on whether or not they have knowledge of the Bible and what is their attitude toward the Bible as God's word.
2. But to all men who believe the Bible contains the inspired word of God and who have even a general knowledge of it, the resurrection of the dead is of great interest.
3. Some of the Bible truths concerning the resurrection of the dead we shall examine in this lesson.

II. DISCUSSION

A. IT WAS PROPHESED, Jno.5:28,29.

B. THERE WERE FALSE IDEAS CONCERNING IT.

1. Though widely held among the Jews, it was not universally believed. For the religious sect of the Sadducees denied it, Mt.22:23; Mk.12:18; Lk.20:27; Ac.23:8.
 - a. Their argument seeking to refute it, Mt.22:23-28; Mk.12:18-23; Lk.20:27-33.
 - b. Jesus' answer, Mt.22:29-33; Mk.12:24-27; Lk.20:34-38.
2. Some members of the early N.T. church:
 - a. Said "there is no resurrection of the dead," 1Cor.15:12.
 - (1) Paul's answer, 1Cor.15:13-22.
 - b. Said the resurrection is past already, 2Tim.2:18.

C. IT WAS PREACHED BY THE LORD'S CHOSEN APOSTLES, Ac.4:1,2; 17:18,32; 23:6; 26:8; 1Cor.6:14; 2Cor.1:9; 4:14; Phil.3:11.

D. WHO WILL BE RAISED? Jno.5:28,29a; Ac.24:15; 1Cor.15:21,22.

E. WHEN WILL THE DEAD BE RAISED AND WHAT AWAITS THEM AFTER THE RESURRECTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT?

1. All will be raised at the last day, at the 2nd Coming of Christ, Jno.11:24; 6:39,40,44,54; 12:48-50; 1Cor.15:21-26.

2. Some will be raised unto “life,” “eternal life,” and some unto “damnation,” eternal destruction, 1Th.4:13-18; Jno.5:28,29; 2Th.1:6-10; Mt.25:1-46; Mt:10-28; 1Pet.1:3-5.

III. CONCLUSION

1. At that time all shall stand before the Judge of all men to give account for the deeds done in the body, 2Cor.5:10; Mt.16:24-27.
2. If by faith you have believed in and obediently served the Lord, you will be on the right hand at that day of judgment and shall hear the king say: “Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Mt.25:34 [vv.35-40]), and shall go away into life eternal, v.46b.
3. If you have not lived by faith and in obedient service to the Lord, you will be on the left hand at that day of judgment and shall hear the king say: “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mt.25:41 [vv.42-45]), and shall go away into everlasting punishment, v.46a.
4. God would have all to be saved, 1Tim.2:3-6; Heb.2:9; 2Pet.3:9; Mk.16:15,16.
5. Unfortunately, as the Lord said in Mt.7:13,14, only a few will follow the road that leads to life.
6. It takes more than good intentions and saying, “Lord, Lord” to enter the kingdom of heaven, Mt.7:21-23; Heb.5:8,9; 2Pet.1:5-11.
7. Why not be like Paul as per Phil.3:7-14, who suffered the loss of all things that he might win Christ, that he might know him and the power of his resurrection, if by any means he “might attain unto the resurrection of the dead” (i.e., the resurrection unto life). Then do as he did and “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”