

THE RESURRECTION



We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. They who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

There is life after death for all men. For the believer, it will be a glorious eternity with God. For the unbeliever, it will be endless agony shared with the devil and his angels.

Jesus had one insistent theme of His life, "***I go to the Father***". Eight times He uses this phrase in His instructions to His followers.

John 14:1-31

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

7 If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

8 Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast Thou not known Me, Philip? he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest Thou then, Show us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works.

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

- 14 If ye shall ask any thing in My Name, I will do it.**
- 15 If ye love Me, keep My commandments.**
- 16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;**
- 17 Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**
- 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**
- 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also.**
- 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.**
- 21 He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.**
- 22 Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world?**
- 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.**
- 24 He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me.**
- 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.**
- 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**
- 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**
- 28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved Me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for My Father is greater than I.**
- 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.**
- 30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.**
- 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.**

John 15:1-27

1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love.

10 If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for My Name's sake, because they know not Him that sent Me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

23 He that hateth Me hateth My Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both Me and My Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated Me without a cause.

26 But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:1-33

1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me.

4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I go My way to Him that sent Me; and none of you asketh Me, Whither goest Thou?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

8 And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on Me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.

14 He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.

15 All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall show it unto you.

16 A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father.

17 Then said some of His disciples among themselves, What is this that He saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me: and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore, What is this that He saith, A little while? we cannot tell what He saith.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask Him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see Me?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

23 And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

26 At that day ye shall ask in My Name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

27 For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

29 His disciples said unto Him, Lo, now speakest Thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

30 Now are we sure that Thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask Thee: by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave Me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 17:1-26

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee:

2 As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine Own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine.

10 And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine Own Name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them Thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth.

18 As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

22 And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one:

23 I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me.

26 And I have declared unto them Thy Name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

The word "Father" was consistently on His lips, and the very first words we ever hear our Lord say are, **"I must be about My Father's business"**.

Luke 2:49 And He said unto them, How is it that you sought Me: Wist ye

not that I must be about My Father's business:

He lived His whole earthly life around the time He would go to the cross to purchase our salvation and then return to the Father.

We must have the same insistent theme as our Lord. This life is but a rehearsal for eternity, and we, too, must be about our Father's business. Every waking hour of our lives should center around the knowledge that one day soon we will stand before Him to either hear "Well done" or "Go away".

Matthew 25:21 His Lord said unto him, Well done, Thou good and faithful servant: Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye. cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

I. DEATH IS THE CURSE OF SIN

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Man has known the bitter dregs of death ever since Adam sinned. From the day God took away man's access to the "Tree of Life", man has been victimized by death. Death is the curse of sin.

Genesis 3:22-24

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the Tree of Life.

A. Death is the payday for sin.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

B. Death was introduced into the world by man's original sin in the Garden.

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

C. Death is no respecter of persons. Each man faces it.

Hebrews 9:27 And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement;

2 Corinthians 1:9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.

D. Yielding to the lust of the flesh hastens our earthly demise.

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

II. THE CURSE IS BROKEN IN CHRIST.

2 Timothy 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Man doomed to death has been released to life through Jesus Christ. The terrible curse of death has been broken by Jesus, and today the grave is not our goal. We live because He lives.

A. Jesus came to redeem us from the curse of the Law and death.

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

B. Death has no more dominion over us because of Jesus.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

C. Christ proved He was more powerful than the last and greatest enemy of all.

1 Corinthians 15:26-28

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For He hath put all things under His feet. But when He saith all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted, which did put all things under Him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

D. Jesus tasted death for all of us and conquered it totally, and thus is able to bring us to glory.

Hebrews 2:8-10

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under His feet. For in that He put all in subjection under Him, He left nothing that is not yet put under Him. But now we see not yet all things put under Him.

9 But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

E. Jesus destroyed at His death, burial, and resurrection satan, the one who had power of death.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same, that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death that is, the devil.

And took away the keys of Hell and Death.

Revelations 1:18 I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hell and of death.

F. For the believer, Christ's victory not only assures of life beyond the grave, but also provides us dying grace when we have to lay this body aside.

1. He delivers from the fear of death.

Hebrews 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

2. He takes away the sting of death.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting. O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be holden of it.

3. He has loosed the pains of death.

Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that He should be holden of it.

4. Death is a friend to the righteous. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

To depart this flesh is far better than to remain bound in our earthly bodies.

Philippians 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.

Those who die in Christ rest from their labors and their earthly deeds and are remembered and rewarded.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

III. THE RESURRECTION IS VITAL FOR OUR FAITH.

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

A famed king asked, "How do you create a religion as powerful as Christianity?" His adviser wisely replied, "Simple, just be crucified and rise from the dead in three days." The resurrection is the power of our faith. There are vital things we must know about it.

A. It is the central truth of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

⁴ And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:

B. We must believe in the Resurrection to be saved.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with Thy mouth the Lord Jesus,

and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

C. His resurrection causes us to bring forth fruit to God in our lives.

Romans 7:4 Wherefore my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ, that ye should be married to another even to Him Who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

D. His resurrection demands we live a consecrated life unto Him.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

14 For the love of Christ, constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead;

15 And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

E. His resurrection assures us of His present position of making intercession to the Father for us.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us.

F. His resurrection assures us of His power to thoroughly save us and help us live above the pull of sin.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

G. His resurrection assures us we do not cease to exist in the grave, but are alive evermore in Him.

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our conversation is in Heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

IV. THE RESURRECTION OF THE REDEEMED

Luke 14:14 And Thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense Thee: for Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

William Randolph Hearst was once asked, “*What would be the greatest news story of all ages?*” His reply, “*If someone could prove life beyond the grave*”. Someone has! That someone is Jesus, and there is a resurrection for the redeemed.

A. Believers shall be raised from the dead.

1. The dead in Christ will rise first, and then those who are alive at that time and believe in Jesus will be caught up.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel, and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first;

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

2. Their bodies will be changed to that which never dies.

1 Corinthians 15:52-53

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

3. The form of the resurrected body will be as God gives and desires.

1 Corinthians 15:37-38

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body.

We will know it will be like that of Jesus.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

B. Believers will be given crowns indicating their high position with the Lord. There are five such crowns mentioned in the Bible.

1. The crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.

2. The crown of life.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

3. The crown of Glory.

1 Peter 5:2-4

***2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.***

4 And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

4. The crown of rejoicing.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.

20 For ye are our glory and joy.

5. The incorruptible crown.

1 Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

C. Believers will be rewarded.

1. Rewards are given in different measures.

1 Corinthians 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

Matthew 10:41-42

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup

of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

2. There is a reward for faithfulness.

Matthew 24:45-47

⁴⁵ Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season.

⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

⁴⁷ Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

3. There is a reward for patience.

Hebrew 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the Will of God, ye might receive the promise.

4. There is a reward for endurance.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

5. There is a reward for those persecuted.

Luke 6:22-23

²² Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

²³ Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy for, behold, your reward is great in Heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

6. His rewards far exceed our troubles and trials.

Matthew 19:28-29

²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹ And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

V. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LOST

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice.

Not only will the saved be raised from their graves, but also the lost will be raised. For them, resurrection will not be a joyous occasion, but a very sad one. There is a resurrection of the lost.

A. Those who rejected Jesus and died in their sins are presently in Hell.

Luke 16:19-31

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores.

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died, and was buried.

23 And in Hell he lift up his eyes, being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house;

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, Though one rose from the dead.

There are some who insist this is a parable and thus cannot be taken literally. However, they fail to realize that Jesus never told an untruth, even in a parable. Thus, it really makes no difference, although this incident is totally unlike His parables in that He gave specific names and events.

B. At the Great White Throne Judgment, Hell will release these souls and the evil dead will rise.

Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works.

C. No evil soul who has ever lived escapes this judgment because God has “reserved” them for this time.

2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

2 Peter 3:7 But the Heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

D. The rebellious angels will also be judged.

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

E. There will be different degrees of punishment for the evil ones.

1. Jesus talked of “greater damnation”.

Matthew 11:22-24

²² But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

²³ And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto Heaven, shalt be brought down to Hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

²⁴ But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;

and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

2. They will receive wrong for wrong.

Colossians 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

3. They will be judged as they judge on earth.

Matthew 7:2 For what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

4. Every transgression will be punished.

Hebrews 2:2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

5. Punishment is double the evil.

Revelation 18:6-7

⁶ Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

⁷ How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

- F. Eternal separation and punishment await the evil.

Revelation 20:14-15

¹⁴ And death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death.

¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.

- G. The only way to escape this wrath and enter Heaven is to have our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but

they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

This is done by accepting Jesus as our personal Saviour.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

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