

The Resurrection of The Dead

I Cor. 15:35-43

I. The Resurrection In The Old Testament...

- Job 14:12
 - If a man die will he live again?
 - Answer: Job 19:25-26
- Abraham
 - Genesis 22:10-12
 - Heb. 11:10, 13-16, 19
- David
 - II Sam. 12:22-23

II. ***Jesus Taught The Resurrection of The Dead***

- John 5:28-29 → **28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **29** 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.
- John 6:44 → **44** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- John 11:23 → **23** Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. **24** Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
- John 14:3 → 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.

III. ***The Resurrection In I Thess. 4:13-18***

- **13** But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- **15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- **16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, 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.
- **18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

IV. ***Paul's Argument For The Resurrection In I Cor. 15...***

- Some were teaching that there would be no resurrection of the dead. (I Cor. 15:12)
- Paul answers by reminding them of the resurrection of Christ, a central fact of the gospel, witnessed by hundreds. (I Cor. 15:4-9)
 - If there was no resurrection of the dead, then Christ was not raised.
 - They accepted the latter, so they should accept the former.

V. ***Paul's Argument For The Resurrection In I Cor. 15...***

- The consequences of this teaching, if Jesus was not raised: (I Cor. 15:14-19)
 - His preaching was vain.
 - Their faith was vain. (without foundation)
 - They are false witnesses of God.
 - Their faith was vain. (worthless)
 - They were yet in their sins.

- The dead are perished.
- They are of all men most miserable.
- The truth about the resurrection:
 - 20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
 - The resurrection of Jesus in the past, is the guarantee that the dead will be raised in the future.
 - Acts 17:31 → **31** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
- Objections answered: (I Cor. 15:35)
 - How are the dead raised up?
 - With what body do they come?

Conclusion

- Phil. 3:21 → **21** who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself. (NASB)
- I Jn. 3:2-3 → **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. **3** And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.