

Where Were You When...?

Job 38:1-7

Introduction

- We all remember where we were when very significant events took place. Our lists may differ.
- All will remember where we were on the afternoon of April 27, 2011.
- During times of tragedy, loss, disaster, we focus more clearly on those things that are most important in life...put things into perspective.
- Lesson: A look at some of life's most precious things.

I. Life Itself...

- From God, The giver of life...(Gen. 2:7)
 - Acts 17:25 → **25** And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. (Ps. 139:14)
- What is your life? (Js. 4:14; Lk. 12:15)
 - Brief.
 - **47**Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? **48**What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? (Ps. 89:47-48)
 - Job. 7:6; 9:25; 14:1-2
 - Ps. 90:10,12 → **10**The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
 - Fragile.
 - Ps. 39:4 → **4** LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.
 - I Sam. 30:3 → but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.
 - Eccl. 12:6-7 → **6** before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, **7**and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
 - Will end.
 - Heb. 9:27 → **27**And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, (Eccl. 9:3-6; Jn. 9:4)
 - Time to serve God and prepare for eternity.
 - Acts 17:27 → **27** that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him.
 - Ps. 90:12 → **12** So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
 - Eccl. 12:13-14 → **13** The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. **14**For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

II. The Soul of Man

- In the image of our Creator.
 - 26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Gen. 1:26-27)
 - It can be renewed while the outer man is decaying. II Cor. 4:16-18 → **16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
- Continues to live on when the body dies.
 - Js. 2:26 → **26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
 - Lk. 16:22-24 → **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 torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (cf. Lk. 23:42-43)

•In its resurrected body, has an eternal destiny.

–Rom. 2:7 → **7** To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:

–Rom. 2:8-9 → **8** But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, **9** Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil...

•Nothing worthy of exchange.

–Matt. 16:26 → **26** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

III. The Blood of Jesus Christ

•I Pet. 1:18-19 → **18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

•Nothing else will suffice. (Heb. 9:22; 10:4-5)

•The Blood of Jesus...

–Reconciles. (Eph. 2:13-19)

–Remits. (Matt. 26:28)

–Redeems. (Rev. 6:9)

–Purchases. (Acts 20:28)

–Propitiates. (Rom. 3:25)

–Purges our conscience. (Heb. 9:14)

–Washes away our sins. (Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16)

IV. The Word of God

•I Sam. 3:1 → **1** And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

–Too many take the Bible for granted.

•Widely owned: little read, studied, respected.

•II Tim. 2:15; Rev. 1:3; Ps. 1:1-3

–Why the Word of God is precious:

•Inspired. (II Tim. 3:16-17)

•Words to live by. (Matt. 4:4)

•Given for our benefit. (I Tim. 4:8; Acts 20:32)

•The message of hope. (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:1)

•Standard of judgment. (Jn. 12:48)

Conclusion

1. Where were you spiritually?
2. Where are you today?