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Sermon Outline 13

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“Questions Of Life And Death”

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 15:40-49

Text – Job 19:25

Introduction: Most of us are confused about life and death. We cling to that we know and cringe from what we do not know. What and where is life? What and where is death?

I. Are The Living Really Alive?

1. Men are breathing
2. No doctor would do other than pronounce them alive
3. But...
 - A. Spiritually, men are –
 - a. Dead in sin
 - b. Separated from God
 - c. Blind to truth
 - d. Paralyzed, unable to do good works
 - (Like Paul)
 - B. Mentally, men –
 - a. Forget
 - b. Cannot understand
 - c. Cannot reason out
 - d. Become depressed
 - (Christ: “soul sorrowful unto death”)
 - (Christ wept over Jerusalem)
 - C. Physically, men –
 - a. Are afflicted
 - b. Become injured
 - c. Are handicapped
 - d. Are weak
 - e. Grow weary
 - (Christ)
 - (Poem – “Restin’ Time”)
4. Adam and Eve lost more than their clothes in Eden, more than their home in Paradise
 - A. They lost a measure of life
 - a. As death began its work
 - Completed a few years later
5. Is this life really living?



RESTIN' TIME

When exhaustion hits a feller
Then's the time to take a rest.
Ain't no time to call him yeller
'Cause he's given of his best.
He has fought and slaved and labored;
Now he's standin' on the brink.
If he had to travel farther,
He'd accomplish nought but sink.
Hear the blessed words of Jesus,
"Come ye faithful one aside..."
There's a comfort and a solace
For the feller who is tried.
So when tired and heavy laden,
Just slow down and rest awhile,
And if folk look on with wonder,
Rest right on in Southern Style.
Then when weariness has lifted
And you're feelin' fit again,
Pick your load up where you dropped it,
And go on with strength to win!

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II. Are The Deceased Really Dead?

1. (Man buried in a Cadillac)
2. We can't enjoy the material things of time – a Cadillac
3. We shall enjoy...

A GM product – God-Made Product!

- a. The pleasures reserved for us
 - Truth
 - Goodness
 - Friendship
 - Glory
 - Greater than all these, the Presence of God Himself
- b. Mind made perfect
 - “We’ll Understand It Better By And By”
 - Wisdom surpassing Solomon’s
- c. Body
 - Without an ache or pain
 - With strength, vigor of youth
 - With beauty of Eve in Eden
- d. City of
 - Jeweled walls
 - Pearly gates
 - Golden streets
 - Many mansions
 - Tree of Life
 - River of Life

Presence of loved ones gone before

- a. Happy reunion
- b. With no more goodbyes

Conclusion: Are the living alive? We must conclude life is mingled with death! Are the deceased dead? We are convinced that those who have died in Christ know life completely freed from all death. Theirs is life – abundant life, eternal life. Theirs now – ours in the fullness of God’s time. (Poem – “Three-Story House”).

THREE-STORY HOUSE

When friends and loved-ones say goodbye
And climb the stairs to God,
We take their bodies down the stairs
To rest beneath the sod.
They sleep unmindful of the press
Of earth, the heat, the cold;
Their spirits, wide awake, rejoice
Upon the streets of gold,
Where pleasures men desire on earth
And joys that angels know
Are blended in a happiness
We never see below.
Sometimes when storm clouds roll above,
I hear them at their play,
As rushing toward the gates of pearl,

They practice for the day
When God shall lead them, one and all,
Returning on a cloud,
To repossess a body, new –
A phoenix rising from a shroud.
From moldy cellar, they shall come,
Aflame with youth and light,
And each shall find his proper soul.
Enraptured at the sight,
We’ll climb the stairs to follow them
Into the House of God,
And leave our empty room to loom
Above an emptier sod.

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