

DEATH, BIBLICALLY VIEWED

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss what the Bible teaches about death
2. Eccl. 3:1-2 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;"
3. Death and the state of the soul are solemn subjects.
4. While many do not want to talk about these matters, since death is something that all will experience, unless Jesus first returns, we need to know what the Bible says about death.
5. Only the Bible contains the answers to questions relative to death and what happens to the soul.

Discussion

I. WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT DEATH

- A. It is universal - Heb. 9:27
- B. There is more to man than the body
 1. I Pet. 3: 4 "But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."
 2. 2 Cor. 4: 16 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."
 3. I Thes. 5: 23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- C. Death is a separation of the spirit from the Body - James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

II. THE BIG QUESTIONS: IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH ?

- A. Job 14: 14 "If a man die, shall he live again?"
- B. Psalm 90: 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."
- C. The words used:
1. "Sheol" is used 65 times. Sheol can correspond to "hades" (Acts 2: 27).
 2. "Hades" found 10 times. "The common receptacle of disembodied spirits" (Thayer, pg. 11).
 3. "Gehenna" found 12 times (Hell).
 4. "Tartarus" found once (2 Pet. 2: 4).

III. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH ?

- A. Some say Luke 16: 19-31 is a parable.
1. If it is a parable, then it contains what could happen in detail, as related in the particulars of Luke 16.
 2. If not a parable, then it shows what did actually and in detail happen in the given case being presented.
 3. Whether a parable or not a parable, the teaching is still just that, fact regarding what happens to the soul upon death.

- B. All spirits go to either Abraham's bosom or tartarus. After this shall come the Judgment. All people who have ever lived on the earth will be there.
- C. After the Judgment the final state of man will be given:
1. Heaven - home for the Godly righteous people who have obeyed God.
 2. Hell - place of eternal punishment for the sinful disobedient.
- D. This is final. There are no appeals. It cannot be changed.

Conclusion

1. Since we are all going to die
2. It is wise to be ready at all times
3. John 5:28-29 "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 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."

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