

LESSON EIGHT

THE RESURRECTION

A. THE RESURRECTION TAUGHT IN SCRIPTURE.

1. TAUGHT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

- (a). In Word - Job 19:25-27; Psalm 16:9; Psalm 17:15; and Daniel 12:1-3.
- (b). In Figure - Genesis 22:5 with Hebrews 11:19.
- (c). In Prophecy - Isaiah 26:19, Hosea 13:14.
- (d). In Reality - II Kings 4:32-35; II Kings 13:21.

2. TAUGHT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

- (a). In Word
 - Jesus - John 5:28-29; John 6:39-54; and Luke 14:13-14.
 - Paul - Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15; I Thessalonians 4:14-15; Philippians 3:11.
 - John - Revelation 20:4-6, 13.
- (b). In Reality
 - Resurrection of Lazarus - John 11.
 - Resurrection of Old Testament saints Matthew 27:52-53.
 - Resurrection of Jesus - Matthew 28.

B. THE NATURE OF THE RESURRECTION.

1. REDEMPTION OF THE BODY.

The redemption of the body is included in our complete redemption.

References: Romans 8:11-23; John 6:39; I Corinthians 6:13-20; Job 19:25-27.

2. THE REDEEMED AND THE RESURRECTED BODY.

- (a). We shall be like Christ.

Scriptural References:

"Who will transform and fashion anew the body of our humiliation to conform to and be like the body of His glory and majesty" (Philippians 3:21, Amplified New Testament).

"When he shall appear, we shall be like him" (I John 3:2).

"And we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (I Corinthians 15:49).

- (b). What was the nature and likeness of Christ's resurrection body which our resurrection body is to resemble?

A real body - Luke 24:39.

A recognizable body - Luke 24:31.

Characteristics of the believer's resurrection body is set forth in I Corinthians 15:

Incorruptible	- verse 42	- no decay, sickness or pain.
Glorious	- verse 43	- Matthew 17 and Revelation 1 :13-17.
Powerful	- verse 43	- not tired or weak.
Spiritual	- verse 44	
Heavenly	- verses 47 & 49	
Real body	- verses 50 & 51	- see Hebrews 2:14, II Corinthians 5:1-6.
Relationship to the old	- verses 36-37	- like the grain of wheat.

The resurrected body will have great ability. It will be able to travel with lightning speed and penetrate solid substances.

C. THE ORDER OF THE RESURRECTION.

Scriptural Reference:

"But each in his own rank and turn: Christ the Messiah, the first fruits, then those who are Christ's at His coming. After that comes the end (the completion)" (I Corinthians 15:23-24, Amplified New Testament).

The Scriptures teach that everyone will not be resurrected at the same moment. There is a definite order that takes place as far as time is concerned in the resurrection.

1. THE FIRST RESURRECTION.

This is the resurrection of those who are in the Kingdom of God and who shall reign with Christ during the millennium (Revelation 20:5-6). They shall not appear before the White Throne Judgment.

There are three distinct phases or steps to this resurrection:

- (a). First Fruits - Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:23).

Scriptural Reference:

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection..." (Matthew 27:52-53).

One should clearly understand that this resurrection of the first fruits took place AFTER his resurrection. Jesus arose first and then these Old Testament saints.

- (b). Harvest - This takes place at the rapture of the church when Jesus returns.

Scriptural Reference:

"And the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds" (I Thessalonians 4:1 6-17).

(c). Gleanings - The Tribulation Saints.

Scriptural Reference:

"And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4).

Although the First Resurrection takes place at three different times yet these three phases all constitute ONE resurrection.

2. THE SECOND RESURRECTION.

Scriptural References:

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to ever lasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2).

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God" (Revelation 20:12).

This is the General Resurrection of all those who are not in the Kingdom of God. They shall appear before the White Throne Judgment and be judged according to whether or not their names are in the Book of Life.

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SELF HELP TEST

A. State one Scripture verse with reference for each of the following:

1. Job believed in the resurrection.
2. The saints will be raised with bodies similar to that of Jesus.
3. Jesus Christ is the First Fruits of the resurrection.
4. The Tribulation saints will have part in the First Resurrection. 5.

Some of the Old Testament saints arose after Christ arose.

B. Explain the difference between the First and Second Resurrection.

C. What are the three phases of the First Resurrection.