

The Mystery of Resurrection

Scripture reading: John 6:39-40

Revelation 20:13 says, *"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."* This occurrence happens after the millennium. At the end of the 1,000 years, the Scripture speaks of the sea giving up her dead, *"and death and hell"* giving up her dead. *"The dead"* is referring to the people who are in hell at this time.

Let us look at *"the sea"* in the natural. When a person is lost at sea, his body is devoured by sharks and different sea animals, his bones are washed away and melted, and over the years he becomes part of *"the sea."* Every atom that was in his body has become part of something else. Now we are writing about the power of resurrection. This power is of such magnitude that it recreates that which was. It does not recreate the substance from another substance or from any new substance, but it takes back the substance from wherever it is and brings it back to be the individual, to be the person. Notice this very carefully because this is in itself a great mystery. IT IS THE MYSTERY OF RESURRECTION.

We read in Job 19:25-27 what Job brought forth from the Holy Spirit. *"For I KNOW that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."* This verse pinpoints the time of the resurrection - *"at the latter day."* Job continues, *"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in MY FLESH shall I see God:* (there is a colon in the sentence because Job is going to explain how such a thing will happen) *Whom I shall see for myself, and MINE EYES shall behold, and not another."* Job was saying that he was not going to get new eyes; he was not going to get new flesh. Job will be in the same flesh with the same eyes *"though my reins be consumed within me."*

The most glorious preaching of resurrection can be found somewhere else in the Bible. Jesus preached the resurrection in John 6:39 and 40. *"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I SHOULD LOSE NOTHING, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will RAISE HIM UP at the last day."* Verse 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."* Verse 54, *"Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will RAISE HIM UP at the last day."* This Word of the Lord is very explicit. It is almost impossible to misunderstand, yet some people do.

Let us look at John 11. It is a marvelous thing that the apostle John himself should be the one to be writing this and impressing it so much. John tells us that Jesus Christ was in a certain place when the news came to Him that His dear friend, Lazarus, had died. Jesus *"abode two days still in the same place where he was."* He stayed until it was the fourth day. In verses 25 and 26, He made a marvelous remark. *"Jesus said unto her, I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"* Jesus is saying here that if He is *"the resurrection, and the life,"* then those who have Him have their resurrection within themselves. If you have Jesus in you, you have *"the resurrection"* in you.

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Thought for today: Those who have JESUS have their resurrection within themselves.