

Armed For War

Lesson 10 – Resurrection and Eternal Judgment

Hebrews 6

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Ps 49:15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Resurrection is a literal event, it is not figurative. This is a foundation of our beliefs. In the time of Jesus, the Pharisees and Sadducees had conflicting views of eternity. Jesus was unmistakably clear about the fact that we have an eternal existence.

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Through Jesus, death is destroyed! David wrote about it in Psalms. Job spoke about it through his trials. It is the very hope that all faith is founded upon. From the earliest of all encounters (after sin became present), God has promised a resurrection to those who trust in Him.

Isa 26:19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

We know we will arise because He arose.

Mt 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Da 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

All will arise, not all will have eternal life.

The Bible talks about mourning at birth and rejoicing at death. We often do the opposite. Funerals should be a time of rejoicing and celebration for all who belong to Jesus.

Mt 22:31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

33 And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

Is there life after death? There is existence after death: either life with God or death and punishment in Hell.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Why is the resurrection a foundation? Because if we have this hope, we will purify our lives. “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” If we have a vision and hope of eternal life, we will not live in fear. With Hope we will overcome this world. Without it, there can be no faith.

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Jesus is the Judge!

Is. 34:8, Matt. 3:12, Matt. 18:8, Matt. 25:41 all show that God does not mix words.

There *will be* an eternal judgment. People mock “Fire and brimstone” preachers, but it is a foundation of the teachings of Jesus. We can choose to deal with the facts, or choose to ignore them. It does not change the fact that it is a promise in the Word.

Luke 16:19-31 shows us that there is a literal Hell with torment and separation.

This torment is not just for those who reject the Law, but to those who reject Jesus as Lord.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

2Pe 2:21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."