

## “The Truth about Death (2): The Unmade Bed”

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### ❖ Jesus and Lazarus—John 11:1-14

- *Desire of Ages*:
  - “God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose they are fulfilling.” (224)
  - “To all who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, the moment of greatest discouragement is the time when divine help is nearest. They will look back with thankfulness upon the darkest part of their way.” (528)
- For the Creator and Savior of this world, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus taught that when you die, you don’t go to \_\_\_\_\_, you don’t go to \_\_\_\_\_, you go to \_\_\_\_\_.
- “Lazarus is \_\_\_\_\_—he is \_\_\_\_\_” (vv 11-14).

### ❖ The Rich Man and Lazarus—Luke 16:19-31

- If the parable is a literal description of death:
  - #1—Heaven is Abraham’s \_\_\_\_\_.
  - #2—\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are within shouting distance.
  - #3—Relief in hell is a single \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus’ parable of the rich man and Lazarus is not the truth about \_\_\_\_\_, but rather the truth about \_\_\_\_\_: Our response to opportunity and privilege \_\_\_\_\_ will determine our destiny \_\_\_\_\_.

### ❖ Jesus and the Thief—Luke 23:39-43

- John 20:15-17—“I have \_\_\_\_\_ ascended to My Father [who lives in Paradise].”
- When Luke wrote his gospel there were no \_\_\_\_\_ or word divisions.
- Like this: assuredly I say to you today you will be with me in paradise
- Based on Jesus’ statements in John 11:11 and John 20:17, the comma in Luke 23:43 must come \_\_\_\_\_ “today.”

### ❖ Socrates and “The Immortal Soul” and the Truth

- Samuele Bacchiocchi, *Popular Beliefs: Are They Biblical?*—“In the dialogue [on the day of his execution] Socrates repeatedly declares death to be ‘the separation of the soul from the body’ in which it is encased. . . . ‘The soul whose inseparable attribute is life, will never admit of life’s opposite, death. Thus the soul is shown to be immortal, and since immortal, indestructible. . . . Death is merely the separation of soul and body.’” (48)
- *Nephesh* (Hebrew for “soul”) appears 754 times in the Old Testament and is rendered in 45 different ways—but not in a single instance is it ever declared \_\_\_\_\_.
- In fact the Bible teaches that the soul dies:
  - Ezekiel 18:20—“The soul [*nephesh*] who sins shall \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Numbers 23:10—“‘Let me [*napheshi*—“my soul”] \_\_\_\_\_ the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his!’”
  - Numbers 35:30—“Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ a person [*nephesh*—“a soul”] shall be put to death.”

- Bacchiocchi: “The fate of the soul is linked to the fate of the \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . The destruction of the body is seen as the destruction of the soul.” (61)
- Death is a sleep:
  - Job 7:21 KJV—“For now shall I \_\_\_\_\_ in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.” (see also Acts 7:60)
  - Deuteronomy 31:16 RSV—“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Behold, you are about to \_\_\_\_\_ with your fathers.’” (see also II Peter 3:4)
  - Ecclesiastes 9:5—“For the living know that they will die; but the dead know \_\_\_\_\_.” (see also v. 10; Psalm 6:5; 7:5; 13:3; 30:9; 76:5; 88:10; 90:5; 104:29; 115:17; 127:2; 146:4)
  - Acts 2:29, 34—“Let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. . . . For David did not \_\_\_\_\_ into the heavens.”
- For you see, the good news about death is not that it is a sleep—the good news about death is that it is a sleep from which God \_\_\_\_\_ us!
  - Daniel 12:2—“And many of those who \_\_\_\_\_ in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”
  - I Thessalonians 4:15-18—“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are \_\_\_\_\_. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

❖ **Jesus and Lazarus and You—John 11:20-44**

- v 35—“\_\_\_\_\_.”
- William Blake: “Till our grief is fled and gone,  
He doth sit by us and moan.”

*“I am the Resurrection and the Life”*

Death is sleep, heaven, hell, sleep, asleep, dead, bosom, Heaven, hell, drop of water, death, life, here, there, not yet, commas, after, “immortal”, die, die, kills, body, sleep, sleep, nothing, ascend, will awaken, sleep, asleep, Jesus wept