

How God sees Death

- ***Precious** in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. Ps 116:15*
- *"precious; rare; excellent; weighty; noble."*
- When a saint dies, God sees it as a precious excellent and noble event.
- *the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the **riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints**, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power Eph. 1:18-19*

Why God Sees Death as Precious

- *Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. 7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and **the spirit will return to God who gave it.** 8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity." Eccl 12:6-8*

God's Treasured Possession

- *Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.*
- *17 "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Mal 3:16-17*
- This is a very different perspective of death than the one we see hear on earth.
- It is our faith that will allow us to stop seeing things as this world and begin to see it as God does.

How God Revealed it for the 1st Time

- *Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. 22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Gen 5:21-24*
- *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him;” for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Heb 11:5*
- God took him as a testimony. A witness to the truth of all we have seen thus far.

Faith to see as God Sees



while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:16-18

Comfort to the Dying

- *9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. ... 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. Heb 11:9-10*

The Progression Leading to Maturity

- *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:16-18*

Comfort for the Living

- *13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*
- *18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1Th. 4:13-14*
- When our faith allows us to see the unseen death can take on a new meaning to both the dying and the living who must live on after there are gone.

This Knowledge is to Give Comfort

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By Sight or By Faith

- The End
- Final(A Dead End)
- Return to Dust
- The End of all Association
- The Loss of all.
- A Bitter Curse
- A Departure - Leaving
- Finishing the Race - End
- An Unfortunate Loss
- A Defeat
- A Time to Leave Home
- Losing Wealth
- Termination of Life
- Bereavement -Left Desolate
- The Beginning
- A Time of Departure
- Spirit Returns To God
- New Associations Begin
- Gain of All that is to Come
- A Blessed Rest
- A Departure: Arriving
- Victory and Crown - Begin
- Precious in God's Sight
- A Victory
- A Time to go Home
- Gaining True Riches
- Termination of Earthly life
- A Joyful and Happy Reunion

Jesus Brings Clarity through Truth

- *Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:24-26*
- *Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." John 8:51*

The Mystery is Unveiled

- *And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” 43 And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” Lk. 23:42-43*
- What did Jesus mean by these words?
- Was He planning to come down from the cross and take the thief to a beautiful park?
- Jesus was dead within three hours and the thief soon after.
- How were these words fulfilled?

Mystery is Unveiled Though Jesus

- *Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. Eccl 12:7*
- Yet in this case, the dust did not return to dust. The spirit returned to the body so it saw no corruption.
- *he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption” Acts 2:31-32*

● *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made...14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, Jn. 1:1-3, 14*

- Jesus was the Word who was with God and was God. He has been alive throughout all eternity!
- He came to earth and continued to live.
- He died, went to Hades, where He continued to live, then was raised back into earth for 40 days
- He returned to heaven where He still lives.
- Jesus journeyed from heaven, to earth, to paradise, to earth, then to the right hand of God.

A New Perspective

- When we fully understand these things, our old understanding of death is “abolished.”
- *has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 2 Tim 1:10-11*
- After seeing what happened to Jesus, only life and immortality remain.