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LB 1689: Chapter 31:

Of the State of Man After Death, and of the Resurrection of the Dead

1. The bodies of men after death return to dust, and see corruption¹; but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately returned to God who gave them.² The souls of the righteous being made perfect in holiness, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ, and behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies;³ and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell; where they remain in torment and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day;⁴ besides these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none.

Overview: Biblical Eschatology is Very Simple: Focusses on 3 key events

1. Return of Christ, 2. Resurrection from the Dead, 3. Final Judgement.

31:1 Has to do with the “Intermediate State” (what happens to those who die before the Return of Christ/Final Day) is treated under this section.

Two Key Distinctions to keep in mind: Body/Soul and Righteous/Wicked

A. Distinction between Body & Soul

Man is Bipartite, not Tripartite.

Biblical View of the Body (related but distinguished from the Flesh)

Return to the dust: **Gen. 3:19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Neither Die nor Sleep/Immediately Return to God

Immortal vs Eternal

Return to God:

B. Distinction between Righteous & Wicked.

Souls of the Righteous:

Made perfect is holiness: no longer sin's presence/stain

Paradise: **Luke 23:43** “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Presence of Christ

Beholding the Face of God

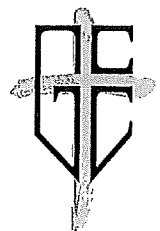
Awaiting the Redemption of their Bodies (Resurrection of the Dead)

¹ Gen 3:19; Acts 13:36.

² Eccles. 12:7.

³ Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:1, 6, 8; Phil. 1:23; Heb. 12:23.

⁴ Jude 6,7; 1 Peter 3:19; Luke 16:23-24.



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Souls of the Wicked:

Cast into Hell and/or Hades: Torment, Darkness, awaiting Judgement

Luke 16:22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, **23** and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. **24** And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'

Mark 9:48 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'

These are the only **two conditions** that await a person.

Quick Note: on Ghosts; the Roman Catholic doctrine of Purgatory

Other religions' (such as Mormonism) of 2nd chances after death.

2. At the last day, such of the saints as are found alive, shall not sleep, but be changed;⁵ and all the dead shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies, and none other;⁶ although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever.⁷

The fate of the saints alive when Christ Returns: Changed/Glorified

A Premillennial view of a Pretribulation Rapture (Or Mid-Trib, or 1/3-Trib, 2/3 Trib,) cannot agree/comport with the LBC.

Quick Note on the term "Rapture."

A Full-Preterist also cannot agree/comport with the LBC.

The dead raised (Resurrection): Self-same bodies, and none other

Rules out a disembodied/spirit state view of the eternal state.

By Strong Implication, Rules out multiple resurrections

Different Qualities

United... forever: a whole man again.

3. The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor; the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honor, and be made conformable to His own glorious body.⁸

Resurrection of the unjust to dishonor:

Resurrection of the Just to honor:

By/According to the power of Christ:

The Ultimate End: Conformity to Jesus Christ

⁵ 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:17.

⁶ Job 19:26-27.

⁷ 1 Cor. 15:42-43.

⁸ Acts 24:15; John 5:28-29; Phil. 3:21.

