

Lecture 37 – The Last Things: The Resurrection Body

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

Key Terms

Resurrection, universal scope, continuity & discontinuity, last judgment, sovereignty & glory, reward & punishment, final destiny, thought, word & deed, Father & Son

Lecture Objectives

- Locate in scripture and describe the nature of the resurrection and the resurrection body
- Outline and locate the scriptural teaching on the final judgment
- Identify some important applications of the resurrection and final judgment for Christian living

Preview

We will continue our discussion of some of the eschatological issues that divide evangelical scholars by looking at the resurrection of the body and the last judgment. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

The Last Things: The Resurrection Body

I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election

III. The Doctrine of the Church

IV. The Means of Grace

V. The Last Things

A. Introduction

B. Death and the intermediate state

C. Christ's second coming

D. The signs of the times

E. The Millennium of Revelation 20:4-6

*F. The resurrection of the body

1. Timing

a. At the end of the age

b. After the second coming of Christ

c. Stages

1) One: a-millennialism and post-millennialism

2) Two: historic pre-millennialism

3) Three: dispensational pre-millennialism

2. The scope of the resurrection

a. John 5:28-29

b. Daniel 12:2

c. Acts 24:15

3. The nature of the resurrection body

a. There is a continuity and discontinuity with the present body

1) Continuity

a) Romans 8:11

b) 1 Corinthians 15:4, 20-21

2) Discontinuity

- a) Philippians 3:20-21
- b) 1 Corinthians 15:42-43, 53-54
- c) Four basic ideas
 - (1) Imperishable vs. perishable
 - (2) Glorious vs. lowly
 - (3) Powerful vs. weak
 - (4) Immortal vs. immortal

b. It will be a spiritual body

- 1) 1 Corinthians 15:42-43
- 2) The Holy Spirit

G. The last judgment

1. Timing

- a. At the end of the age
- b. After Christ's second coming
- c. After the resurrection
- d. Before the new heavens and new earth

2. Purposes

- a. To display the sovereignty, righteousness, and glory of God
 - 1) Romans 2:5
 - 2) Revelation 11:17-18
 - 3) Revelation 15:3-4
 - 4) Revelation 16:5-6
- b. NOT to determine salvation
- c. To assign final destinies
- d. To reveal degrees of reward and punishment

3. Circumstances

- a. God will be the judge
 - 1) Father
 - a) 1 Peter 1:17
 - b) Romans 14:10
 - 2) Son
 - a) Matthew 16:27; 25:31-32
 - b) John 5:22, 28-29
 - c) Acts 10:42; 17:31
- b. Angels and humans will be judged
 - 1) Angels
 - a) 1 Corinthians 6:2-3
 - b) 2 Peter 2:4
 - c) Jude 6
 - 2) Human beings
 - a) Romans 2:5-6
 - b) Romans 3:6
 - c) Revelation 20:12-13
- c. Judgment will be based on thoughts, words, and deeds
 - 1) 1 Corinthians 4:5 motives
 - 2) Matthew 12:36 words
 - 3) 2 Corinthians 5:10 deeds
 - 4) Revelation 20:12-13 deeds