



Calvary of Albuquerque

Everyone Lives Forever - John 5:25-29

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

My mom used to wake me up early every morning with her sweet voice saying, "Rise and Shine!" It took a few times but I eventually got up out of bed. As Jesus declares that He will be in charge of the future judgment, He too will usher the call to everyone who has died to "Rise up!" But not everyone will rise up to shine; some will rise up to suffer. Let's consider three inevitable and unalterable truths about the future for all of us: We will all die, we will all be judged, and we will all rise again to live forever... but where?

OUTLINE

- I. Everyone Dies
- II. Everyone is Evaluated
- III. Everyone Rises
 - A. The Resurrection of Life
 - B. The Resurrection of Condemnation



Making It More Than a Sermon:

1. Do you ever talk about death or is it a taboo subject in your life and in your home? Why do you suppose that is? How have you prepared for this inevitability?
2. From all the things that Jesus says in this section, what things mean the most to you? Why? How do these truths affect your actions? Your attitudes?
3. How will your resurrected body be like your present body? How will it be different?

DETAILED NOTES

Jesus claimed to have the same nature as God the Father. As God, He claimed He should be honored in the same way as God the Father. He said He would judge the world and raise the dead. His enemies thought these were outlandish claims and they accused Him of blasphemy which led ultimately to His crucifixion. Jesus proved He was who He claimed to be by healing people, by walking on water, by turning water into wine, by raising the dead and by His personal resurrection.

In this text Jesus looks to the future. In response to the leaders accusing Him of breaking the Sabbath, He turns toward future events, common to every person. Every person who has been born will live forever. The believer will experience the resurrection to life (heaven); the unbeliever will endure the resurrection to condemnation (hell).

- I. Everyone Dies
 - A. Physical death *necros* - dead
 - 1. Two people per second
 - 2. Those who will be raptured are the exception
 - B. Spiritual Death
 - 1. We are born spiritually dead with the need to be made spiritually alive - Ephesians 2:1
 - 2. Spiritual resurrection ensures the physical resurrection of life
- II. Everyone is Evaluated
 - A. Judgment - *krisis* - court, judgment
 - B. Death is not the end - Hebrews 9:27
 - C. God the Judge will render verdict on every life
 - 1. Intermediate Judgment (Old Testament examples: Adam and Eve removed from the Garden of Eden, Entire World at the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Egypt and the ten plagues, individuals in Israel for worshiping the golden calf, Nadab, Abihu, Dathan and Korah, Northern Kingdom in the Assyrian captivity, Judah in the Babylonian captivity; New Testament: Capernaum, Bethsaida, Corazin - Matthew 11:20-24, Jerusalem - Matthew 23:37-39, Ananias and Sapphira Acts 5:1-11, those who take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner - 1 Corinthians 11:27-30)
 - 2. Final Judgment
 - a. By Jesus
 - i. Son of God - power to give life

- ii. Son of Man - power as judge (used 83 times, usually in reference to the cross)
 - b. Believer's Judgment (The Bema Seat Judgment [bematos - judgment seat] we receive reward or lack of reward based on our service to Christ - Matthew 6:19; Matthew 25:14)
 - i. Will not face God for sins - Romans 8:1
 - ii. Eternal salvation already determined
 - iii. Eternal status, Judgment seat of Christ - Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - c. Unbelievers Judgment
 - i. From death to death to death (spiritual death, physical death, eternal death)
 - ii. Jesus Christ is the only "loophole"
- III. Everyone Rises - (1000 years between the two judgments - Revelation 20:4-5; Revelation 20:7; Revelation 20:11-15)
 - A. The Resurrection of Life
 - 1. For believers
 - 2. Reverse the effect of sin
 - 3. Future environment demands it
 - B. The Resurrection of Condemnation
 - 1. For unbelievers
 - 2. Future environment demands it

Figures Referenced: Jon E. Braun, C.T. Studd, W.C. Fields

Publications Referenced: *Whatever Happened to Hell* by Jon E. Braun, *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis

Greek terms: necros - dead; krisis - court, judgment; bematos - judgment seat, rostrum, tribunal

Cross References - Matthew 6:19; Matthew 11:20-24; Matthew 23:37-39; Matthew 25:14; Acts 5:1-11; Romans 8:1; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 11:27-30; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 2:1; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:4-5; Revelation 20:7; Revelation 20:11-15