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SUNDAY

Bible study, 9 a.m.
Worship, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

MONDAY

Monday Night for the Master
6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Ladies' Bible class, 10:00 a.m.

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**This morning's sermon and
Scripture:** What Happens
After Death? Part Three
Job 14:10-12,14

**This evening's sermon and
Scripture:**

AN ABOMINATION TO GOD

On one occasion when Jesus was warning His disciples about the peril of riches and materialism, the money-loving Pharisees heard His teaching and ridiculed Him:

And he said unto them, Ye are they that justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God (Luke 16:15).

It is obvious that the Lord referred to their love of money when he spoke of that which was "highly esteemed among men." Perhaps more souls (both worldlings and God's people) will be sentenced to Hell because of the love of money than any other sin. No wonder the Bible warns of dishonesty, materialism, and greed, and exalts benevolence, generosity, and honesty on almost every page. No wonder Paul wrote, "For the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim. 6:10). We are not to understand that materialism is an abomination to God merely on the ground that men highly esteem it (some things highly esteemed of men are pleasing to God [Gal 5:22-23]). It is abomination because it damns the soul. We must ever guard against the abomination of "covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5).

Notice now the broader application of the Lord's statement: Just because a thing is highly esteemed by men does not mean God favors it. In fact, throughout history, it is almost axiomatic that if most men esteem something highly, God does not. (At present, we should not be surprised at this, since the vast majority of men are atheists and/or agnostics, and even among professed believers, most give only lip service to His law.) Let us make some applications.

1. The Muslim religion is highly esteemed by teeming millions, but it is an abomination unto Jehovah because it represents error, sin, and blasphemy. The Christ alone (not Christ and Mohammed) is the **only** way to God and salvation (John 14:6).
2. The doctrine of salvation by faith alone is "highly esteemed" by the millions in the Protestant denominations, but it is an abomination to God. Men are saved by faith and cannot be saved without it (Rom. 10:9-10), but not by faith only. One's sins are not forgiven and one is not saved before baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21; et al.).

A list of highly esteemed items would include fornication, drinking, abortion, using instruments of music in worship, elevating a man to be a "pope," and such like. Will men never learn that the only way to please God is to do what He authorizes in His Word, rather than doing something because they like it? The only things God "highly esteems" are those things, which He authorizes in His Word.

— Dub McClish
Denton, TX

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

Visitors and members please fill out an attendance card (located on the back of the pew in front of you) and pass it to the center aisle at the close of the worship service. Also please put your cell phones in the *off* position so they will not interfere with our wireless sound system.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to: Nancy Miller, Jackie Litteral 22nd; Reginald & Karen Hall, 23rd. Best wishes to all of you.

Continue to remember all of our sick and shut ins, *Mary Davidson*, the sister of Bea Spurlock, *Cherri Wright* who is undergoing chemo treatments and she also had a MRI done this past Tuesday, the results showed no change Carol *Hubbard* who is undergoing chemo treatment and was able to be at Bible study Wednesday night, *Jordan Dumford* was in a four wheeler accident, he broke his femur bone, and he had to have a rod put in his leg, *Tom Hyslop* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *Juan Martinez* fell and cracked his sternum, the 14 year old grandson of Eloise Hart, *Alex, Bea Spurlock*, the niece of Jackie Litteral, *Sharon Allen*, the father of Dawn Sprouse, *Terry Allison*, others include *Floyd Blake*, Sue Jones' son *Billy Jones*, *Jenny Kelly* the daughter of Juan & Rosemary Martinez, *David C. Miller*, *Frieda Blalock*, *Ron Kolin*, *Dot Taylor*, *William Blake*, *Becky Collazo*, *Kerry Keathley*, *Louise Davis*, *Emma Turner*, *Bill & Helen Harris*, *Calvin & Betty Woodruff*, *Shawr Woodall*. Please remember all of the sick with your calls, cards, and visits and especially in your prayers.

Remember Ladies Bible Class each Thursday morning at 10:00. They are studying "How we got the Bible". Bro. David Boren is the teacher.

Chuck and Joyce Broyles will be going out of town the 22nd and will be gone through the 31st. Please keep them in your prayers as they are traveling.

Continue to remember the pantry when you shop.

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Honored To Serve This Lord's Day March 18, 2007

The elders respectfully ask all who serve in public worship to please dress appropriately

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-OPENING PRAYER

A.M. Robert Guthrie
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-READ SCRIPTURE

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P.M. Arthur Walden

-SERMON

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P.M. Jonathan Castel

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A.M. Mike Williams
P.M. Joseph Bernard

-USHERS

A.M./P.M. Jonathan Castel
David Herndon

-GREETING VISITORS

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-CHILDREN'S NURSERY

A.M. Vanessa Chapman
Christina Castel
P.M. Christina Castel

-PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Maria Cope

-BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

Maria Cope

What Happens After Death? Part Three

(Job 14:10-12,14)

I. When Is The Day Of Judgment?

- A. Though many have tried to set a date for the return of Jesus, man has no way of making that determination. It has not been revealed by God (Matt. 24:36,42).
1. God no doubt chose not to reveal this information for the purpose of preventing those last minute preparations; God demands genuine obedience from the heart (Rom. 6:16-18).
 2. If we knew when the end would be, how many of us would wait until the final moment before becoming obedient?
 3. Brethren and friends, we do not know when that Day will be; therefore, we are to be making preparations at this very moment (Matt. 24:44).
- B. We do know: "*it is appointed* for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).
1. Judgment then must follow death, but when?
 - a. Is it immediate or sometime thereafter?
 - b. From the account of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) one might readily assume that judgment takes place at the moment of death.
 - c. However, other passages cause one to assume that such is not the case (Matt. 25:31-46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 20:11-15).
 2. Now, then, how does one harmonize these two assumptions into one logical conclusion?
 - a. I believe we can say that the account of the rich man and Lazarus is an exception - an exception in which God shares with mankind a deeper understanding of the what-a-bouts and the where-a-bouts of life after death.
 - b. I believe - and I will not bind this on anyone - I believe that if we come to understand the "*Day of Judgment*" more so as the "*Day of Accounting*," these scriptures harmonize beautifully.
 1. As the late brother Ramsey once said: "*Judgment is 2/3rds done; God has voted for us and Satan has voted against us. The only part of judgment remaining belongs to you and me, we hold the decisive vote.*"
 - a. At death, our eternal destiny is eternally sealed.
 - b. There is no truth in the so-called doctrine of "Purgatory," wherein one may be prayed out of "torment." (No such teaching is found in the Bible!)
 2. Thus, as is clearly revealed in the Bible, at the point of death, our judgment is eternally sealed.
 3. Furthermore, as we can see from the rich man and Lazarus, we'll know our eternal destiny at the point of death; we will either be temporarily held in "Abraham's bosom" (or Paradise) or in "Tartarus" (that is, torment).
 - c. In 2 Cor. 5:10, the apostle speaks of the "*Day of Judgment*" as a "*Day of Accounting*."
 3. Additional scriptural support for understanding the "*Day of Judgment*" as the "*Day of Accounting*" :
 - a. 2 Peter 2:4-9. If judgment hasn't been passed, how is it that the ungodly are "*reserved...under punishment*"? -- Jude 6. If judgment had not passed, why then would these angels be reserved in "*everlasting chains under darkness*" ?
 - b. The language is clear for you and me: At the point of death...
 1. Our judgement will have been passed and there will be nothing we can do to improve our eternal destiny after death.
 2. We will simply be reserved unto the "*Day of Accounting*."
 - c. The big objection to this: "If judgment is passed at the point of death, and if we will know our eternal destiny before the 'Day of Accounting,' why then have a 'Day of Accounting'?"
 - d. The answer to that objection is simply this: The Lord determined a Day in which there would be an account given of the deeds done in our body, whether good or bad (Acts 17:31; 2 Cor. 5:10).

- C. As we conclude this matter concerning the when of the " Day of Accounting" or the " Day of Judgment " -- no one knows, not even Jesus, when that Day will come (Mark 13:32).
- D. However, though we cannot know the day or hour of the " Day of Accounting," we do know that we have " now " (2 Cor. 6:2) to prepare ourselves for that " Day."
- II. Where Is Man After Death? Since various terms are used in the Bible to identify where the dead are, it will be necessary to consider them. If there appears to be confusion, it is possibly because of the way they have been rendered in various translations. Consider the word " *hell*" -- in the KJV **three** words are translated " *hell*" :
- A. Matt. 10:28.
1. First of all, it is important to understand that the word " *destroy*" does not imply " annihilation," but refers rather to an on-going condition of suffering (cf. Rev. 20:10).
 2. The word for " *hell*," in this instance, is " **gehenna**." The same is true in Matt. 23:33.
 - a. The word " gehenna" is used 12 times in the NT.
 - b. The context would suggest a reference to the final destiny -- where one may dwell eternally.
 3. It is interesting to note that the word " gehenna" apparently refers to " *the valley of the Son of Hinnom*," which is the valley just south of Jerusalem (2 Chron. 28:3; Josh. 18:16).
- B. There is only one place in the NT where the word " **Tartarus**" is used: 2 Peter 2:4.
1. The context of this " *hell*," or " Tartarus," is not that of the final or permanent dwelling, but of where the ungodly are reserved, temporarily imprisoned until the " Day of Accounting."
 2. The basic idea of " Tartarus" is that of a subterranean region that is doleful and dark.
- C. Now, then, in Luke 16:23, the KJV tells us that the rich man was in " *hell*," lifting up his eyes, being in torment, and sees Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. The word " *hell*" in this instance is actually " **Hades**" and appears in the NT 11 times.
1. The question arises: " *Is Hades the same as Tartarus?*"
 - a. Acts 2:27,31. I know several translations render the word in these passages " *hell*," but the more accurate rendering is the word " Hades." Upon His death, Christ went to Hades - the realm of the unseen dead.
 1. Now, then, was Jesus sent to the same place where the rich man went; that is, where He would be in the company of people like the rich man, and suffering the same torment?
 2. Of course not!
 - b. In Luke 23:43 Jesus told one of the two thieves that he would be with Him that day in " *Paradise*." " *Paradise*" carries the thought of a beautiful garden or park with complete happiness (cf. Rev. 2:7).
 2. Simply put, " *Hades*" is divided into two areas: One is a place of " Paradise" (Abraham's Bosom) where the righteous await the " Day of Accounting." The other is " Tartarus," which is a place of torment - and is where those who are lost await the " Day of Accounting. "
 3. Furthermore, the two areas are separated so that it is impossible for anyone to pass from one to the other (Luke 16:26).

Conclusion:

1. Where is man after death? At death, having already been judged, man goes to Hades, commonly referred to as the " Hadean realm" : either in Paradise (Abraham's Bosom) or in Tartarus (Torment).
2. Where is man after the " Day of Accounting?" -- Either in Heaven or Gehenna.

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