

## AFTER DEATH WHAT THEN?

P.S. 16:8-10

In the message last Sunday night we spoke of the questions that people have asked, are asking, and will continue to ask. Such as:

- a. Where do we go from here?
- b. What lies beyond the grave?
- d. Shall we live again and in what condition?
- e. Does the soul sleep?
- f. What happens to the body between death and resurrection?

Man, by his actions and teachings, has always indicated that he believed in a future life.

- a. The Indians
- b. The orientals and re-incarnation...transmigration of souls etc.
- c. Pantheism..that all souls will be absorbed in to one great personality. Judgement, two places one for body and one for the soul. Body but not soul sleeps.

Now tonight let us think about David's words when he said  
" My flesh also shall rest in hope for thou will not leave my soul in hell."

David here, according to some commentators, is uttering a prophecy about Jesus in the grave but it is an utterance true for all of us since Jesus and His grave experience was the first fruits of them that slept and we are to be raised in like manner but later on.

We want to think here about the soul and the word hell. The body, as we said last Sunday night, goes back to the earth and sleeps till the resurrection. We shall come back to this thought a little later.

Now look at the word hell. This a wrong translation, so good authority tells us. It should be Sheol instead of hell because that is the word in the original. Some one might object saying "But the Bible was inspired and how could this be a wrong rendering of a word?" You must remember that the Bible was written by inspired men but we are not taught that the interpreters were inspired. The word hell is never found in the O.T. in the original language of the O.T. but it is always SHEOL..meaning the place of the souls of the dead.

According to the Bible the soul of man at death, in the O.T. before the Resurrection of Jesus went into this place called SHEOL. Where is this place? Billie Graham says that it is in the center of the earth. I do not know where it is. I think Graham gets his idea from the following Scriptures: Read from page 11, 12, and 13.

I do not think that it matters where it is. Suffice it to say that when we die our bodies go to the earth to decay and sleep and the soul goes to the realm of the dead on this wise...In O.T. times all souls went to SHEOL the lost in torment and the saved in happiness with a gulf between...but now the souls of the unsaved still go to SHEOL and the souls of the saved to heaven.

Last Sunday night we said that "It is appointed to man once to die and after this the Judgement." That was one thing that happened after death. Now to night after having said something about where we go at death let us assert that another real thing that happens after death is the Resurrection. *Some say of great duration*

The same body of Jesus as went into the earth was raised. Adam's sin did not effect his body...so Clark says in his commentary. But our bodies will deteriorate before Resurrection.

Read in "The Christian View Of God and The World" by Dr. James Orr page 332.

