

Sermon Series Begins: Why Do We Do That?

6/30/24 "Not Fear Death," Job 19:25-27, NLT

INTRODUCTION: Why do people fear death? The unknown? Judgment? Pain?

Hebrews 9:27, NLT: And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment

Context: Job pleased God. Satan asked to afflict him to cause him to curse God. Killed sons & daughters, afflicted body with sores. Friends said he suffered because he had sinned.

Know: to perceive, to understand; knowledge gained through the senses. (*Word Study OT*). The heart plays an important part in knowing (*Strong's Expanded...*)

MAIN IDEA: Don't fear death. Why not? Here are four reasons not to.

I. First, we are redeemed (25a)

Redeemer: in Bible times, a redeemer was a relative who came to protect, defend, or reclaim what was lost in times of trouble or opposition (*Stamp, Fire Bible*)

Isaiah 43:1, MEV: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.

- A. we faced being condemned because we broke God's law
- B. Jesus paid the penalty the law demanded (Rom. 5:8)
- C. If we accept His sacrifice on our behalf... (Rom. 10:9)
 - 1. we are justified (made right before God)
 - 2. **we will not be condemned**

ILLUSTRATION:

II. Second, our Redeemer lives (25a)

- A. Job knew it by revelation of the Spirit
 - 1. that God is Redeemer (we know Him to be Jesus)
 - 2. that He lives (even, would rise again)

NOTE: Study the Bible so you can discern truth when reading what others believe.

- B. we know it by revelation & by proof... He has accepted us & adopted us as His children
- C. because He lives, **we know there is life after death**

ILLUSTRATION:

III. Third, our Redeemer will stand on the earth (25b)

- A. Job saw His first & second coming
 - 1. as Savior & Redeemer
 - 2. as LORD God Almighty

Zechariah 14:4, NLT: On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south.

- B. He will stand here physically, taking control
- C. He will bridge the physical & spiritual, bringing the Kingdom of God to the earth (Rev. 19:20-20:6)
 - 1. the spirit of the world lies to us... death worst thing to fear, we are unloved, unforgiveable
 - 2. **the spirit of the world will be vanquished**

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. Finally, I will have a new body (26-27)

- A. despite death, I will live in a body (1Cor 15:35-58)
 - 1. new
 - 2. immortal
- B. **I will fellowship with Jesus in joy & peace** (Rev. 21-22)

ILLUSTRATION:

CONCLUSION:

He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. –*Jim Elliott, martyred missionary*

ALTAR: Salvation? Fear death? Want more grace? Water baptism?
