

The nature of the Resurrection

35 But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Ezk. 37:3 **And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.**

36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

Quickened: Made Alive.

John 12:24 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**

The difficulty in understanding the nature of the resurrection should not cause a person to disbelieve.

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

All flesh:

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| 1. The flesh of men. | Made on the 6th day |
| 2. The flesh of beasts. | Made on the 6th day |
| 3. The flesh of fish. | Made on the 5th day |
| 4. The flesh of birds. | Made on the 5th day |

40 *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

The two types of bodies

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| 1. The celestial bodies. | Heavenly; An inhabitant of heaven. |
| 2. The terrestrial bodies. | Pertaining to the earth. |

41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

Glory

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| 1. The glory of the sun. | The sun is the Sun. |
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2. The glory of the moon
3. The glory of the stars.

The Moon is the Moon.
The stars are different.

42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

**The resurrection from the dead is also sown in corruption.
But after it is raised in the newness of life, it becomes incorruptible.**

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

**The resurrection from the dead. It is sown in dishonor. "Sin"
But now it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness. (:42)
But now God raised it in power.**

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

**The contrast is not between a material body and an immaterial body,
but between a body subject to death and a body that is immortal.**

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

**As it is written:
The first Adam in all die.
The second Adam all live.**

46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

**The first Adam was created on this earth.
The second Adam Jesus Christ, is the LORD from heaven.
John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that
came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.**

48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

**A contrast between the earthly and the heavenly realms.
Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence
also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Kingdom of God:

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

This great mystery is the rapture of the church, is one of seven mysteries that are found in your Bible.

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1. In a moment.

2. In a twinkling of an eye.

3. At the last trump.

The trumpet will sound.

The dead in Christ will be raised incorruptible.

We shall all be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Corruptible to incorruptible.

Mortal to immortal.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

This is the ultimate Victory.

The last enemy (:26)

55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

This victory overshadows the apparent early victories of Satan, in the garden (Gen.3:13). And at the Cross. (Mark 15:22-24). The resurrection of Jesus Christ overturned everything.

56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
The sting of death is sin, and our sin was washed away by the blood of the lamb at Calvary.

57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

We get to look forward to eternal life because of the hope of the resurrection. Now everything we do on this earth only matters for eternity.

1 Cor.3:8