

The Seed of the Heavenly Man

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What is the Truth?

- God is the supreme Good.
- Man is an idol worshiper.
- Jesus is the double cure.
- Faith is trust in the promises.***
- Love is the obedience of faith.

God has promised all those who receive Jesus as Lord and Savior that, even though they will die, they will enjoy a bodily resurrection. We are to trust that promise and all that it means.

1. The Testimony to the Heavenly Man (35-38)

The Challenge of the Resurrection (35)

³⁵ But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?”

The Illustration of the Seed (36-38)

³⁶ You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; ³⁷ and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.

- Death precedes life. – John 12:20-26; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
- Better to be embodied than disembodied. – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- Be content with the body God gives. – Psalm 139:13-16
- Be content with the mysteries of life. – Mark 4:26-29
- Creation is revelation. – Psalm 19:1-6; Matthew 13:31-32; Luke 13:18-19

2. The Glory of the Heavenly Man (39-44)

The Reality of Different Bodies (39)

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

The Reality of Different Beauty (40-41)

⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

The Manifold Wonders of Glorification (42-44)

⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable *body*, it is raised an imperishable *body*; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.

- Be content with differences in glory. – Luke 19:11-27

3. The Prototype of the Heavenly Man (45-49)

The Earthy Man and the Heavenly Man (45-47)

⁴⁵ So also it is written, “The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL.” The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.

The Image of the Earthy and the Image of the Heavenly (48-49)

⁴⁸ As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

- The heavenly man was the promise to the earthy man. - Titus 1:1-2
- Be heavenly minded to be the most earthly good. – Colossians 3:1-25
- You are far from what you will be one day. – Philippians 3:20-21

What Does God Call Us to Do?

- Turn from self-righteousness and self-rule.
- Trust Jesus as the only Savior and Lord.
- Rest in Jesus for the Father’s love.
- Hope in God for the promises of help and happiness.
- Pursue love in dependence on God’s Word and Spirit.

The best is yet to come! – 1 Corinthians 2:9