

Series: Stand Fast In the Lord

IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN JOB 14

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Introduction:

Most of us are aware of the suffering of Job.

Never has a man lost so much in such a short period of time.

In just one day, probably only a matter of hours he lost most all of his material possessions, but even beyond comprehension is the fact that he lost all of his children.

Can you imagine such pain?

But Job's suffering was not over.

Job chapter 2 tells us of the awful boils that he was stricken with.

Job's mental, emotional, and physical suffering took such a toll on him that when 3 friends came to visit him after hearing of his troubles that they didn't even recognize him at first then when they did realize it was Job the Bible says that they sprinkled dust upon their heads, lifted up their voices, and wept.

They then went and sat down by his side upon the ground, and were so speechless by his condition that they didn't say a word for 7 days, and 7 nights because they saw that his grief was great.

In the midst of Job's great affliction, he asks a question.

This morning I want us to focus our attention on his question – If A Man Die Shall He Live Again?

Note:

Sermon Content:

1. THE CONCERN HE ADDRESS

Job 14:14

¹⁴ If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

This is one of the most asked questions.

There are other questions that are often ask as well.

Why is there suffering?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Remember: Ecclesiastes 3:11

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¹¹ He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Because Job lived in the day before there was any recorded scripture, men were often in the dark concerning some great spiritual matters.

Their vision was limited in scope. We can be thankful that we have the complete and perfect Word of God.

Getting back to this question – what leads us to ask this question?

Job 14:1

¹ Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

- The Brevity of Life This Question – “few days”

Note: James 4:14

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¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

We are here for only a brief, fleeting moment in time.

When we were young we felt as if we had the world by the tail and nothing could hinder or prevent our plans.

Before we know it we have reached middle age and begin to assess where we are in life.

Shortly thereafter we are in our senior years wondering where time has gone.

Life is short; we are here for a little while and then we are gone.

The best made plans cannot prevent death.

If the Lord doesn't soon come, we will all go by way of the grave.

Whatever our plans include, we must ensure that we are ready to meet the Lord when our time to leave this world comes.

Knowing Christ in salvation is of utmost importance, eternity awaits!

The brevity of life leads us to ask this question – If a Man Die Will He Live Again?

Not only does the Brevity of Life lead us to consider this question but also:

- The Burdens of Life Spark This Question – “Full of Trouble”

Job 14:1

¹ Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

The word “trouble” means trouble, noise, rage, fear, wrath.

These words seem to summarize a lot of our life.

We have considered the Concerns He Addressed.

Not also:

2. THE CHANGE HE AWAITS (VS. 14)

Job 14:14

*¹⁴ If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, **till my change come**.*

Job answers his own question in this verse and also in chapter 19:25-26.

Job 19:25-26

²⁵ For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: ²⁶ And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

The Lord addressed and answered this question as well in John 11:25.

John 11:25

²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Paul also answered this question in his letter to the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 15:52

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.

The truth is death doesn't end life it only changes one's location.

For the believer:

2 Corinthians 5:6-9

⁶ *Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:* ⁷ *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)* ⁸ **We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.**

⁹ *Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.*

At the moment a believer takes their last breath and their heart beats its final time they are in the presence of the Lord.

For those who die lost:

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:*

²⁰ *And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,* ²¹ *And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.*

²² *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;* ²³ *And in hell he lift up*

his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. ²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. ²⁶ And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. ²⁷ Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: ²⁸ For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹ Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰ And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. ³¹ And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

At the moment this man died the Bible says he was in Hell being in torments.

When a man dies shall he live again? The answer is yes.

When one dies they will either go to Heaven or they will go to Hell.

Thought:

If you were to enter eternity today, where would your destination be?

That's why we should prepare to meet God.

We have considered the Concerns He Addressed and the Change He Awaits.

Not lastly as believers:

3. THE CONSISTENCY HE AFFIRMS

Job 14:14

¹⁴ *If a man die, shall he live again? **all the days of my appointed time will I wait**, till my change come.*

The words "appointed time" means warfare and hardship.

Job was saying that I will wait patiently.....I will be consistent until my change comes.

What are we to do until our time comes or until our Lord comes?

We are to live consistently.

We are to be consistent in:

- Our worship
- Our walk
- Our work
- Our witness

The Lord addressed those who thought that the Kingdom of God would immediately appear with the parable in Luke 19.

Note:

Luke 19:13

*¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come.***

“Occupy” means to stay busy.

Until the Lord calls us home or until he comes to take us home we are to stay busy, be active in our Christian lives.

Close:

If a man die shall he live again?

The answer is yes.

Also AS a man dies is where he will be in eternity.

The saved in Heaven in the presence of the Lord.

The lost in Hell and its torments.

Have you prepared to meet God?

If not the risk of Hell is not worth the gamble.

Those who are saved, we are to occupy, or stay busy till
He calls us to Heaven.