

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 86.

Main point of Text: In heaven we will be so much better because there we shall see Christ and be like Him.

Sermon Point: *Your little light will be glorious.*

Move 1: The wicked enter a deeper darkness at death and will dread Judgment Day.

LC: “Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.”:

- *That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. (Act 1:25)*

- *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (Jud 1:6-7)*

- *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 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. (Luk 16:23-24)*

Move 2: Be glad to know the righteous enjoy rest at death and look forward to the Resurrection.

- LC: “waiting for the full redemption of their bodies”:
 - *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit,, the redemption of our body. (Rom 8:23)*
 - *Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. (Psa 16:9)*

- LC: “which even in death continue united to Christ”: *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (1Th 4:14)*

- LC: “and rest in their graves as in their beds”: *He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.* (Isa 57:2)
- LC: “till at the last day they be again united to their souls”: *And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.* (Job 19:26-27)

Move 3: *Rejoice in the hope of holy reunion in the heavenly light of Christ the Lord.*

- LC: “The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness”: *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,* (Heb 12:23).
- LC: “and received into the highest heavens”:
 - READ 2 Cor. 5:1, 6, 8
 - *For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:* (Phi 1:23). Like being reunited to a friend at a distance.
 - *Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.* (Act 3:21)
 - *He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.* (Eph 4:10)
- “where they behold the face of God in light and glory”:
 - *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.* (1Co 13:12).
 - READ 1 John 3:2. Describes the already not yet experience of the Christian in this world. So much yet to enjoy in the world to come.

Conclusion:

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