

Scripture: John 5:18-47

Lord's Day 22.57#2

Singing: 17:1-5 – 136:1-4 – 29:1-3 – 255:1-4

Question: For what are we placed in this world?

THE FINAL HOUR OF THIS WORLD (2)

I. It comes unexpected II. It brings the resurrection

III. It ushers in the final judgment

II. The final hour ushers in the general resurrection of saints & sinners

A. Jesus announced *all in the graves shall hear His voice* (John 5:28 – 6:40, 44)

1. This last call is frequently spoken of: 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:16

a. this call will arrest everyone

b. this call reaches every mansion of dead

c. this call will change all the living in twinkling of eye (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

B. Jesus announced: *all in graves shall come forth!*

1. That means *soul shall reunite with our body*

C. This reunion will be a cause of joy for God's saints: John 5:29; Dan. 12:2

1. The change of your body will be unthinkable: 1 Cor. 15:42-44; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2)

a. the bodies will be *our own body* but fully *restored* in original glory

b. the body will be raised a *spiritual body* (Luke 24:39-43)

● the body will never again hinder our soul's expression

● the body will be adapted for living before the glory of God

2. As saints of God, we are to draw comfort of this well of salvation

a. Notice Jesus repeat promise: ... *and I will raise him up at the last day!*

D. This reunion will be the cause of grief for sinners: John 5:29; Dan. 12:2

1. There will be no change of body except it made *immortal* (Rev. 20:13-14)

a. they will experience the *resurrection of (unto) damnation*

- Matt. 25:46 *These shall go away into everlasting punishment*

- 1 Thess. 1:9 *Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the LORD (Jesus) and from the glory of His power*

b. what a dreadful reunion this will be: *to be doomed to live with your fallen self apart from God!*

- it will be state of shame

- it will be state of everlasting contempt

Finally: Why is the one raised *to resurrection of life and another of damnation?*

A. Jesus: the *one has done good* & the other has *done evil* (John 5:29)

1. What is the evil Jesus is referring to? (John 5:40-43; 2 Thess. 1:8-9)

2. What is the good Jesus is referring to? (John 5:24; John 1:12; 3:15)

B. Be persuaded that *one thing is needful* (Prov. 29:1)

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT ON EARTH AND HEAVEN

As children in the womb have eyes and ears,
but not for the place where they are,
but for the community life after birth among people,
wherein they shall use all their members
even so the life of the saints here is not for this world only but for another.

We have large capacities, large memories, large affections, large expectations.
God does not give us these for this world
but for the world to come
with all the heavenly things.

Richard Sibbes