

Genesis 47:28-31
The Burying Place

The time drew near ...

- I. The Days of Jacob
 - A. The Sojourn's End
 - B. Faith in the Face of Death
 - 1. With My Fathers
 - 2. In the Burying Place
 - C. Eyes on the Promise
- II. The Day of Christ
 - A. The Promise
 - B. His Promises
- III. The Days We are Given
 - A. A Full Journey
 - B. Death in Light of Our Faith
 - 1. Soul
 - 2. Body
 - C. Looking to Jesus

... and he worshipped.

Children, Listen ...

1. Jacob was dying. Did he seem to be worried? If so, why if not why not?
2. Where did Jacob want to be buried?
3. Where do the souls of God's people go when they die?
4. What promise did Jesus make to the thief on the cross who believed? Who would he be with?
5. Will there be a day when souls and bodies of those who died come back together?

Mortal Puts on Immortality

Death is a terrible thing and is an enemy we will face until it is at last destroyed. The fact of the matter is that our days are numbered ... thankfully by the Lord. Nonetheless we all face mortality. But as we live our lives in this journey of life the Christian must not be overly burdened by the prospect of our earthly demise. Ironically (providentially?) our morning text reminded us that in Christ, our living and our dying is unto Him and our everlasting life is secure in Him – we might say that the time and the end of the time we are given belong to Him – “my times are in His hands.” This evening's text reminds us that our very person, all that we are also belongs to Him. In Christ we are wholly the Lord's body and soul. When we have shuffled off this mortal coil (as one bard put it) we will be immediately in paradise in the presence of the Lord. The flesh we put off at that moment will see corruption, but not forever. We don't know how, but in that great mysterious day of resurrection, no matter what state our remains may be in at that point, our souls will be reunited with the “self-same bodies” (perfected) forever. What great assurance saints have for themselves and what great hope we have for those who have already “fallen asleep” in the Lord. Be comforted and comfort one another with these words. It does not hurt to hear the words that express our holistic comfort in the Lord we heard at the beginning of this Lord's Day at the end as well. *I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*