

Rev. Luke's Weekly Blog

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THE DEATH OF DEATH, OUR HOPE

ISAIAH 25:8

***He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces;
The rebuke of His people
He will take away from all the earth;
For the Lord has spoken.***

The prophet Isaiah envisions a day when God's triumph over human mortality and suffering will be complete. This eschatological promise is realized in the person and work of Jesus, whose resurrection demonstrates that death has indeed been defeated and that God's people are granted eternal hope and joy.



Isaiah 25: 8

In John 11:25-26, ***Jesus declares to Martha, Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'*** Jesus embodies the reality Isaiah foresaw and provides a personal assurance that death is not the end for those who belong to Him. Jesus confronts the finality of death, calling life forth from the grave, a tangible anticipation of the ultimate consummation promised in Isaiah.

In 1 Corinthians 15:54-57, the apostle Paul links the prophecy of victory over death with Christ's resurrection: ***So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?' The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*** Paul interprets Jesus' resurrection as the decisive fulfillment of God's plan foretold by Isaiah, portraying it as a cosmic victory in which the power of sin and death is broken once and for all.

THE DEATH OF DEATH, OUR HOPE Continued



In Matthew 28:5-6, the angel announces the resurrection to the women at the tomb: ***Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*** Luke 24:36-39 records the risen Christ appearing to His disciples, showing them His hands and feet, confirming that He has conquered death and that the mourning of His followers can be replaced with hope and reassurance.

Philippians 3:20-21 further emphasizes that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body, a consummation of the victory over death that Isaiah foretold. Revelation 21:4 echoes Isaiah 25:8 almost verbatim: ***And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.*** The eschatological hope begins in Christ's resurrection and culminates in the final renewal of creation, showing the continuity between prophecy and fulfillment.

Isaiah 25:8's fulfillment in Christ, God's sovereignty over death, reminds us that mortality is subject to divine power, reveals Christ as the hope of resurrection, highlights the comfort of God's presence amid sorrow, and points toward the consummation of all things in Christ.



Revelation 21:4

PRAYER POINTS:

1. thank God that through Jesus' resurrection, we have the assurance of eternal life.
2. ask God for strength to live in resurrection power.



Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!
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