

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, August 4, 2024

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
2. What analogy does Paul initially use to tell us what the resurrection body will be like? What do you learn about the resurrection body from this analogy?
3. Paul also talks about how there are different kinds of flesh on different earthly creatures. What's the lesson to learn from this?
4. How does Paul describe our earthly bodies in v.42-49?
5. In what way was Adam's body weak and perishable in his original, created state, even before he fell into sin?
6. In v.42-49 Paul provides a parallel, contrasting our earthly bodies with our resurrection bodies. How does he describe our heavenly bodies?
7. What are the implications of having resurrection bodies that are imperishable? What does that tell you about life in glory that you "shall bear the image of the man of heaven"?
8. What are the fourfold states of man, and what are the implications of living under each of those states?
9. What practical application or encouragement can you derive from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!

Reading of Law: Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in heaven, as we hear your Law we are confronted with just how sinful we are. Our hearts are desperately wicked and deceitful above all else. We confess that we have failed to do what you command, and we have done that which you forbid. We have often uttered things that are impure and unholy; things that corrupt rather than edify. We have used our tongues as vessels to mock, lie, cheat, swear, gossip, slander, and tear down when we should be using the gift of our words to build up, bless, encourage, and spread the truth which by grace you have made us partakers of. Truly we have sinned with our words in more ways than we can count, and except for your grace, mercy, and kindness which you show to us in Jesus Christ we would be rightly consumed by your just wrath. We confess this, and we

ask for your forgiveness. We ask that you would help us to tame our tongues, that through our words your great name would be praised and others would be blessed. For the glory of our Triune God we ask this, in Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 86:4-5

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

WLC: 139

Q. 139. What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are, adultery, fornication, rape, incest, sodomy, and all unnatural lusts; all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections; all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto; wanton looks; impudent or light behavior; immodest apparel; prohibiting of lawful, and dispensing with unlawful marriages; allowing, tolerating, keeping of stews, and resorting to them; entangling vows of single life; undue delay of marriage; having more wives or husbands than one at the same time; unjust divorce or desertion; idleness, gluttony, drunkenness, unchaste company; lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancing, stage plays; all other provocations to, or acts of uncleanness, either in ourselves or others.

[Prov. 5:7](#); [Heb. 13:4](#); [Gal. 5:19](#); [2 Sam. 13:14](#); [1 Cor. 5:1](#); [Rom. 1:24, 26-27](#); [Lev. 20:15-16](#); [Matt. 5:28](#); [Matt. 15:19](#); [Col. 3:5](#); [Eph. 5:3-4](#); [Prov. 7:5, 21-22](#); [Isa. 3:16](#); [2 Pet. 2:14](#); [Prov. 7:10, 13](#); [1 Tim. 4:3](#); [Lev. 18:1-21](#); [Mark 6:18](#); [Mal. 2:11-12](#); [1 Kings 15:12](#); [2 Kings 23:7](#); [Deut. 23:17-18](#); [Lev. 19:29](#); [Jer. 5:7](#); [Prov. 7:24-27](#); [Matt. 19:10-11](#); [1 Cor. 7:7-9](#); [Gen. 38:26](#); [Mal. 2:14-15](#); [Matt. 19:5](#); [Mal. 2:16](#); [Matt. 5:32](#); [1 Cor. 7:12-13](#); [Ezek. 16:49](#); [Prov. 23:30-33](#); [Gen. 39:10](#); [Prov. 5:8](#); [Eph. 5:4](#); [Ezek. 23:14-16](#); [Isa. 23:15-17](#); [Isa. 3:16](#); [Mark 6:22](#); [Rom. 13:13](#); [1Pet. 4:3](#); [2 Kings 9:30](#); [Jer. 4:30](#); [Ezek. 23:40](#).

OT Reading: Genesis 2:1-9

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up-- for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground-- ⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.