

CAN THE DEAD HEAR

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INTRODUCTION

A. TEXT: *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.”* vs. 25-26.

1. We must understand who are the dead, who shall hear the Son.
2. How will they hear His voice.

B. THE SETTING:

1. Jesus had just healed a man who had his infirmity for 38 years.
2. The Jews overlooked the miracle by focusing upon the day.
3. They accused Jesus of breaking the law of the Sabbath day.

C. From this came the subject of Life, Death and Resurrection.

WHICH DEAD?

A. WHO ARE THE DEAD WHO WILL HEAR HIS VOICE AND LIVE.

- A. He is obviously speaking of those who are spiritually dead.
- B. Compared to physical dead in the next verses.

B. THE TERM “DEATH” MEANS SEPARATION.

- A. Thus those who are separated from God are “dead”.
 2. It is to these “dead” that Jesus came to give life. vs. 21
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CAUSE OF THIS DEATH

A. THE PROCESS:

1. *“Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death.”* (James 1:15).
2. *“...for sin, finding occasion, through the commandment beguiled me, and through it slew me.”* (Rom. 7:11).

B. THE RESULTS:

1. *“And you did he make alive, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins,”* (Eph. 2:1).
2. *“And you being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, I say did he make alive together with him having forgiven us all our trespasses;”* (Col. 2:13).

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C. ONE WHO LIVES IN SIN, IS DEAD WHILE THEY LIVE. (I Tim. 5:6)

1. "...*his servant ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death,...*" (Rom. 6:16).
 2. It is obvious that sin the cause of death.
 3. And that sin **without exception**, leads to death!!
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JESUS CAME TO...

A. TO GIVE LIFE TO THE SPIRITUALLY DEAD!

1. "*For as the Father raiseth the dead and giveth them life, even so the Son also giveth life to whom he will.*" v. 21.
2. That they might pass from "death into life." v. 24.

B. HOW DOES HE SPEAK TO THE DEAD?

1. "The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God." v. 25.
 2. "*Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard?.....So belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*" (Rom. 10:13-17).
 3. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20)
 4. He speaks to us today through His Word, The Bible. (Heb. 1 &2)
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TYPES OF HEARERS

B. "PARABLE OF THE SOWER"

1. The wayside heart - hearer.
2. The stony heart - hearer.
3. The thorny heart - hearer.
4. The Good heart - hearer. Obeys.

C. JESUS SAID.... "*they that hear (hearken) shall live.*" v. 25.

1. To hearken is to obey what we hear.
 2. To hearken is to respond to one in authority.
 3. It is to hear, accept and apply what is heard. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear."
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WHO CAN RAISE THE DEAD

- A. GOD. Only God has the power of life. *“as the Father raiseth the dead”* v 21
1. He is the Creator and Giver of Life.
 2. Gen. 2:7. Created man and *“breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”*
- B. JESUS, THE SON OF GOD.... *“the Son also giveth life to whom he will.”*
1. Jesus Raised The Dead.
 - a. The “rulers” daughter. (Matt. 9:24).
 - b. Lazarus (John 11).
 2. Jesus raised the physical dead - **to show that He had the power to raise The Spiritual Dead!**
- C. WHO WILL YOU HEAR? To whom will you Hearken??
1. Many may claim to give life, and the way of life.
 2. Jesus Is: *“I am the way, the truth and the life”* (John 14).
 3. No one else has or has ever had the power over death and Satan. (I Cor. 15).
 4. As Peter said when others were leaving... *“Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life.”* (John 6:68).
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CONCLUSION

- B. *“Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.”* vs. 28-29.
1. This is the voice of the Son of God calling ALL to judgment.
 2. The end of time.
- C. MAN HAS **NO** CHOICE - BUT TO HEARKEN TO THIS VOICE.
1. All.
 2. The Good and the Evil.
- D. THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD AND HEARKENED TO HIS WORD....
1. Have passed from death to life.
 2. *“Well done....enter into the joys of thy Lord”* (Matt. 25:21)
 3. How completely Romans 6:1-6, pictures this passing from death unto life, then to Life Eternal.
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