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The body may decay, yet the soul does not. We often say, “They’ve gone” when describing someone who has died. We’re saying, “Their soul has gone.” But where did their soul go to? The Bible tells us clearly that when Man dies, his soul goes to one of two places: paradise or the lake of fire. The souls of those who believe in the Lord go to paradise, where they enter into rest, but the souls of those who do not believe go to the lake of fire to suffer.

It’s a pity that man may meticulously care for his physical body—what to take in as food or drink, and how to please and enjoy himself, yet does not pay attention to the condition of his soul. He seeks to gain in fame and fortune that he observes with his eyes, yet does not care for the final resting place of his soul. What a pity! The Lord Jesus once spoke a parable about a rich man who was a fool. He had a plentiful harvest and decided to build greater storehouses for his crops and goods. He was convinced that he would live in ease – eating, drinking, and being merry. But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?”

The Lord Jesus is the “shepherd and overseer of our souls”. He loves us and desires to save our souls. If you are willing to trust in Him and accept that he bore your sins on the cross and died as your substitute to redeem you to God, your soul shall be saved. The soul of man will one day depart – and no one knows when his day will come. So you should deal with this problem immediately, lest the day come and you perish without remedy! May Paradise be the destination of your soul on the day you depart!

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Before his death, the philosopher Socrates asked his disciples: “When a man dies, is that it? Is that the end of all things?” They responded, “Man dying is like the breaking of a harp; if the harp is broken, it becomes useless.” They thought that if a man dies, nothing matters anymore; all his troubles have passed away. But Socrates shook his head and replied, “That is not so. The harp may be broken, but the one who plays it will remain!” By this he meant that although man’s body may be destroyed, yet the soul, the master of the body which the harpist represents, remains. The harpist is not destroyed because of the loss of the harp; in the same way, our soul does not perish along with our bodies.

Man does not realize that along with the visible body outwardly, there is the invisible soul within. The soul is man’s treasure, and its value far outweighs that of his body. As the harp cannot produce music without the harpist, parts from his body. This body is temporary; after a few seasons it withers to dust; yet the soul is eternal.



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