

“The Exodus”

Isaac (Part 9)

“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.”

(John 17:24)

Isaac’s Death

Genesis 35:27-29 – (27) “And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. (28) Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. (29) And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.”

But He Lives

Matthew 22:29-32 – (29) “But Jesus answered them, ‘You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. (30) For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. (31) And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: (32) ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.”

For God’s Precious People, Death is Redefined from a Terminus Tragedy to a Triumphal Transition

The Psalmist’s Paradox

¹ “I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD: ‘O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!’

⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
⁶ The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
⁹ I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke: ‘I am greatly afflicted’;
¹¹ I said in my alarm, ‘All mankind are liars.’
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”
(Psalm 116:1-11, 15)

Peter’s Perspective

“Since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure (*Exodus*) you may be able at any time to recall these things.”
(2 Peter 1:14-15)

Concerning Death:

Grieve Properly

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.”
(1 Thessalonians 4:13)

Believe Properly

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
(1 Corinthians 15:55)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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