

Death, Be Not Proud

Lesson 2 – The Victor Over Death

Series Overview

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Hebrews 2:14-15 *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, **that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death**, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

Review

Physical death is just a _____ of true death (**Matthew 10:28; John 11:25-26**)

Theologically, this must be true if we are to argue that _____ *actually* experienced _____.

If true life is “_____ God” (**John 17:3**), then death might be better understood as

being cut off from the _____ of God’s _____.

The reality of death rightly evokes fear, and that fear _____ us,

keeping us separate from the lives of _____ and _____ that God intends for us.

The Power of Death

James 1:14-15 – Note the sequence of _____ → _____ → _____

This is a core idea in the Biblical understanding of death

Isaiah 59:2 – Sin _____ us from God

Romans 5:12 – It was sin that _____ death into the world

Romans 6:20-23 – Death is the natural _____ and earned _____ of sin

1 Corinthians 15:55-56 – What secures our fate is the _____ condemnation of God on our _____

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 – Unbelief and disobedience result in an _____ separation from God

Summary: *Death, that eternal, final, hopeless separation from God’s goodness, exists because sin exists. Wherever sin is present, death will follow.*

Satan has the power of death (**Hebrews 2:14**) in that he uses our _____ to _____ us into sin and then uses our sin to _____ and _____ us, righteously and mercilessly applying God’s _____.

Revelation 12:10

Satan does not have power to _____ or _____ beyond what God allows (**Job 1:8-12; 2:3-6**)

Satan has no _____ over _____ or its inhabitants (**Revelation 20:10**)

His power is limited to the _____ us to break God’s law and _____ us in our guilt

As long as _____ exists, _____ has the power of death.

The Battle Plan

If death is to be destroyed, then its _____ must be destroyed.

Jesus takes on a _____ human body (*Hebrews 2:9, 14, 17; Philippians 2:8*)

He had to do this because _____ have human bodies^(citation needed)

Hebrews 9:22 – Since the wages of sin is death, atonement requires _____

The death of Jesus on the cross was intended to be a _____.

Isaiah 53:5, 8-9

1 Peter 2:24

The death of Jesus, therefore, removes the _____ of death, which is _____

Hebrews 9:26b

Any view of the cross and death of Jesus that falls short of this cannot proclaim the _____ of death.

Sin _____ be dealt with, or death is _____. And we are not _____ of dealing with it.

Summary: *Jesus defeats death and the one who hold the power of death by removing the sting of sin*

Why the Resurrection?

If Jesus' death is what defeats death, then why did he rise again?

1) It _____ Christ as the one over whom death has no power (*Acts 2:24*)

2) It shows believers that God's power to _____ can be _____ (*Romans 8:11*)

3) It gives us a _____ of what we can expect for _____ (*1 Cor 15:20*)

Is It Finished?

The Bible speaks of this defeat as an _____ accomplished event.

2 Timothy 2:10

John 5:24

This is because the death and resurrection of Jesus _____ the victory by removing sin.

For the people of God, there is _____ for death to regain power over them.

But the Bible also speaks of this victory as a _____ event that we are still _____.

1 Corinthians 15:24-26

Isaiah 25:8

This is because _____ of God's children have _____ the victory yet.

And it is because the effects of sin and death extend throughout _____ (*Romans 8:19-22*),

so only once all creation is _____ will that victory be _____ (*Revelation 21:4*).

But there is also a sense in which this victory is unfolding in the present, as we will look at next week.