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"IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE?"

JOHN 11:25

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

Intro: Part of Job's answer to Zophar leaves man and appeals to God.
 Parenthetical. If he could believe this he could bear up.

I. A GLEAM OF LIGHT ON DARKENED HORIZON.

- A. A suggestion cast forth and immediately swallowed up in gloom.
 - 1. Job's philosophy vs. 1,2, 7.
 - 2. Man lives and knows only the physical plane.
 - a. People today engaged in materialism hardly even ask this question.
 - b. Living as though this life is all.
- B. Job stripped of everything looked beyond.
 - 1. Many times God strips us to cause us to look beyond.
- C. Job's real question.
 - 1. Not if a dead man comes back to life again.
 - 2. Not the possibility of returning to this life.
 - 3. The continuity of life beyond death "Is this all there is?" Is the grave the end?
- D. The question itself is the revelation of the consciousness of the need for more time & space for the full realization of life.
- E. Man does not want to die for he realizes he needs more time full realization of life.
 - 1. Scholar.
- F. Are there other dimensions, more time & space.
 - 1. No answer in Job.
 - 2. The full answer must wait for Christ.

II. THE ANSWER OF JESUS "I am the resurrection."

- A. Circumstances of the answer.
- B. "He that believeth on me."
 - 1. Language of God.
 - 2. He who lives a life of fellowship with God never dies.
- C. Will we recognize our loved ones in heaven.
- D. Is there life after death yes.
 - 1. More time & space.
 - 2. This life should be predicated upon that fact.
 - 3. Consideration of all God's dealings in ratio to life beyond.
 - a. Untimely death.
 - b. Afflictions present sufferings.
- E. Dwight Moody.