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OUR RESURRECTION

In the days of Jesus on earth, the Pharisees and the Sadducees were the two main groups of religious leaders. A major doctrinal difference between them was that the Pharisees believed in the bodily resurrection of the dead while the Sadducees did not. They believed that once you were dead, that was the end of it. These two well-educated groups made up the ruling religious body called the Sanhedrin.

The resurrection is clearly taught in the New Testament, but it can also be found in the Old Testament. One such passage is found in Psalm 71:20b where it says that God ***“... shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up from the depths of the earth.”***

The word quicken means to give life or bring alive. So, to “quicken me again” means bringing back to life those who died. The depths of the earth implies burial in the earth, and could also indicate being brought up from Sheol, the abode of the dead.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 also tells us ***“Then shall the dust (from which Adam was made) return to the earth” and that “the spirit shall return to God who gave it.”*** That speaks of our human spirit which God breathed into Adam and gives to each of us at our conception in the womb. The spirit is the “real” us.

Our soul (mind, will, emotions) returns immediately to God upon our physical death. That is the “real” you and the real me, and we will live eternally with God. We are not asleep as some teach in the grave until the resurrection. Our physical bodies are in the grave but will be resurrected and made alive again on the return of the Lord. Our body will take on our glorified body and rejoin our soul and spirit which have been in heaven.

It is a glorious day when we, the spirit-man, goes to heaven to be with Jesus and the Father. I can only imagine what it may be like when our new glorified body joins us.