

V23-28 THE SADDUCEES WERE THE NEXT RELIGIOUS GROUP TO TRY TO DISCREDIT JESUS AND HIS MINISTRY THEY WERE THE LIBERALS OF THEIR DAY THEY SAID THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OR ANGELS OR SPIRITS ACTS 23:8

THEIR QUESTION CENTERED ON THE DOCTRINE OF RESURRECTION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS IN A PARTICULAR CASE THEY TOLD THE STORY OF A WOMAN WHO MARRIED A MAN WHO LATER DIED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEVIRATE LAW

DEUT 25:5-10 HER HUSBANDS BROTHER TOOK HER AS HIS WIFE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE DEAD BROTHERS LINE BUT HE TOO DIED SHORTLY AFTER THIS HAPPENED WITH SEVEN BROTHERS

THE SADDUCEES QUESTION TO JESUS WAS AT THE RESURRECTION WHOSE WIFE OF THE SEVEN WILL SHE BE FOR THEY ALL MARRIED HER

V29-33 THE SADDUCES PROBLEMS JESUS SAID WAS BECAUSE THEY DID NOT KNOW THE SCRIPTURE OR THE POWER OF GOD THIS WAS A STRONG REBUKE OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS FOR OF ALL PEOPLE THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN GOD'S WORD AND HIS POWER

GOD'S WORD TAUGHT THE RESURRECTION AND HIS POWER CAN BRING PEOPLE BACK TO LIFE JESUS THEN CORRECTED THE SADDUCEES TWO FALSE NOTIONS

HEAVEN HE SAID IS NOT SIMPLY AN EXTENSION OF THE PLEASURES PEOPLE ENJOY ON EARTH IN FACT IN THE ETERNAL STATE MARRIAGE WILL BE UNNECESSARY ONCE INDIVIDUALS HAVE RECEIVED GLORIFIED BODIES NO LONGER SUBJECT TO DEATH THE NEED FOR PROCREATION ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF MARRIAGE WILL NO LONGER EXIST

BELIEVERS IN GLORIFIED BODIES WILL BE LIKE ANGELS IN THAT WAY FOR ANGELS DO NOT REPRODUCE THEMSELVES HE DID NOT SAY PEOPLE WOULD BECOME ANGELS

A MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE RAISED BY THE SADDUCEES PERTAINED TO THE RESURRECTION IF THEY HAD READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE THEY WOULD HAVE CLEARLY SEEN THAT THERE IS A FUTURE LIFE AND WHEN A PERSON DIES HE CONTINUES TO EXIST

TO THE SADDUCEES THE RESURRECTION WAS RIDICULOUS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED DEATH ENDED MAN'S EXISTENCE BUT JESUS QUOTED A STATEMENT GOD HAD MADE DIRECTLY TO MOSES AT THE BURNING BUSH I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM THE GOD OF ISAAC AND THE GOD OF JACOB EXODUS 3:6

IF THE SADDUCEES WERE CORRECT AND ABRAHAM ISSAC AND JACOB HAD DIED AND WERE NO LONGER PRESENT ANYWHERE THE WORD I AM SHOULD HAVE BEEN I WAS THE USE OF THE PRESENT TENSE I AM IMPLIED THAT GOD IS STILL THE GOD OF ABRAHAM ISSAC AND JACOB THEY WERE ALIVE WITH GOD AND WILL SHARE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS

HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD BUT OF THE LIVING THE SADDUCEES WERE DEAD WRONG IN THEIR TEACHING ON MARRIAGE IN HEAVEN AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AS A RESULT OF JESUS ENCOUNTER WITH THE SADDUCEES THE CROWS WHO HEARD THIS WERE ASTONISHED AT JESUS TEACHING JESUS HAD SUCCESSFULLY ANSWERED AND DEFEATED THE EXPERTS

JESUS HAD USED THE PENTATEUCH THE ONLY SCRIPTURE THE SADDUCEES ACCEPTED AS GOD'S WORD TO PROVE TO THEM THAT THERE IS A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

1COR 15:42-49 GOD'S LIMITLESS POWER IS EASILY ABLE TO TRANSFORM THE EARTHLY INTO THE HEAVENLY IT IS SOWN A NATURAL BODY IT IS RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY

JUST AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE EARTHLY WE WILL ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY

2COR 5:6-8 WE ARE OF GOOD COURAGE I SAY AND PERFER RATHER TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY AND PRESENT WITH THE LORD

PRAISE GOD FOR THE RESURRECTION