

Our Destination is the World of spirit

Sermon Topic: Our destination is the world of spirit

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:44

Sermon Theme: Because Principle clearly shows that our physical life is a pre-stage to the life of spirit, we must understand the meaning of this sort but significant time in the flesh.

Main idea: Death is not an ending, but an open door to a new life. But if we consider the reality of eternal life, we sense that there must be an important reason for living in the physical world, a reason about which we are not clearly aware. We like to hide from the confrontation of death and its implications. Many people, so afraid of death, pretend that it will never happen. We begin this sermon by speaking plainly about death and that it is something that we will all experience and cannot avoid. When people recognize that death is the real destination, they become much more serious about preparing for the life after this death.

1. We may have different faiths, or no faith, but one thing is for sure: we are all going to one day face our moment of death. It is guaranteed by our birth.
2. With every passing moment, we draw that much closer to our moment of death. Our “time clock” is always winding down. No one is getting younger. It is a never-ceasing process, this journey to our death. Even in our sleep, we draw ever closer.
3. But also death can come unexpectedly. Death is not just for the elderly. Death can come at a moment’s notice. Death can come as a result of a seemingly insignificant decision (such as turning left instead of right, or catching the wrong bus, etc.)
4. Whenever we have a brush with death we usually become more serious about life and lasting values (there are many examples of this tendency). Many people become very religious after a brush with death. Think for a moment, how your priorities would change if you knew your death was

immanent. The terror that people feel when they know they are about to die is the realization that all their life they were alive, but they did not know it to the fullest or use their life for the greatest purpose.

Then what is our fundamental purpose in this temporal life in our body?

To understand the answer to that question, we can compare life in the flesh with another temporal life that we have all experienced before the temporal life in the physical world. That is our life in our mother's womb. (This is a good comparison because Father referred to physical death as the "second birth".) The purpose of our nine-month life in the "first womb" is to develop a complete, functioning physical body. Likewise, the purpose of our physical life in the fleshly body is to develop a fully mature spirit body. We could say that the flesh is the womb in which the spirit body grows and matures. When the baby has matured in the mother's womb, the birth comes as a natural and joyous event. So, too, should the "second birth," that is the spirit's leaving the fleshly body and passing to the spirit world, be a natural and joyous event.

But how do we enable our spirit to grow in this physical world? (Simple explanation based on green book, Chapter 1, Section 5, Subsection C. Here stress the need for good spiritual environment – God's love and the truth – and the quality of our actions, living for the sake of others, which is the fundamental spiritual purpose and is how our spirit can grow. Living for the sake of others, or more strongly expressed, changing the direction of my life from selfishness to unselfishness)

The purpose of our life is to create ourselves a true parental heart. But that doesn't mean just loving our own children; it means establishing an unconditional, unchanging, sacrificial, stand of love as Jesus so clearly expressed in Matthew 5:38-48, and also in Matthew 6:33.

Summary:

We must live as Jesus said and develop an unchanging, unconditional standard of love. If we have that heart, then when we pass into the next life we can know we will go to the realm of the Heart of the True Parent...that is, where God and Jesus surely dwell. Then there is no fear of death. Death becomes our second birth.