

The Dead will Hear and Live

John 5: 25 – 30

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²⁵ “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ “For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; ²⁷ and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man. ²⁸ “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment. ³⁰ “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

The Hour. Vv. 25 - 27

- Truly, Truly (ἀμὴν ἀμὴν), Listen carefully to this absolute truth.
 - Hour coming and now is?
 - When the dead will hear Jesus' voice and live.
 - Now is refers to spiritual life available now.
 - Coming refers to resurrection from the dead.
- Jesus is the source of life, spiritually and physically.
 - He is identified in Scripture as Creator.
- Jesus as Son of Man is fully qualified to be the judge.

Resurrection Coming. Vv. 28 -29.

- The hour that's coming is the resurrection of the dead.
 - All who are dead will hear Christ's voice and rise again.
 - Notice a resurrection of the saved, proved by good deeds.
 - Notice a resurrection of the lost, proved by evil deeds.
- There will be different resurrections over time.
 - The saved will be resurrected to life with God in heaven.
 - The lost will be resurrected to judgment in Hell.
 - Recognize that resurrection means given a body designed for the eternity one will receive.

Judgment is Just. V. 30.

- Jesus is not denying Deity, but unity with the Father.
 - Jesus did what the Father did (Cf. V.19).
 - Jesus only judges with perfect justice.
 - People will receive judgment and their punishment will perfectly match their sin against God.
- Since all have sinned, the only hope for heaven rests in believing unto salvation in Jesus Christ.
 - His death on the cross paid the penalty in full.
 - God requires all believe on Him to be saved.

Conclusion

- Jesus offers life from spiritual death now, by believing in Him unto salvation resulting in doing good deeds that glorify God.
- Jesus is the final judge Who will call all believers back to life with a bodily resurrection for heavenly destiny to live forever with Him.
- Jesus is the final judge will Who call all unbelievers back to life with a bodily resurrection and will judge them to an eternity in Hell.