

LESSON 16

CHAPTER 31. “Of the State of Man After Death and Of the Resurrection of the Dead”

Human beings: Dichotomous (body and soul) or Trichotomous (body, soul and spirit)
Intermediate State: the condition of man after death, but before the resurrection of the body
Preterist versus Futurist
Amillennial, Postmillennial, Classical/Historic Premillennial, & Dispensational Premillennial

I. Paragraph 1: The intermediate state of the saved and the lost

- A. All souls have an immortal subsistence and, at the death of the body, return to God.
- B. The souls justified by Christ are:
 - 1. Made perfect in holiness
 - 2. Received into paradise (aka Abraham’s bosom) to be with Christ and bask in God’s glory.
 - 3. Awaiting the redemption of their mortal bodies.
- C. The souls of the wicked are cast into hell in torment to await final judgment.
- D. Besides paradise and hell, there is no other locus for souls during the intermediate state.
 - 1. Denies purgatory (the place of purging).
 - 2. Denies “soul sleep” or annihilation of the soul

II. Paragraph 2: The resurrection events

- A. The “rapture” of the saints occurs at the last day. (No secret, premil, rapture)
- B. The resurrection of the bodies of the dead, both of the saints and the wicked, will also occur at the last day to be reunited with their souls, eternally.

III. Paragraph 3: The nature of the resurrection body

- A. The unjust raised to dishonor.
- B. The just raised to honor with a body like unto Christ’s glorified body.

Book Suggestions:

Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism* (book presents dispensationalism)
George Eldon Ladd, *The Blessed Hope* (Historic Premillennialism)
Kim Riddlebarger, *A Case for Amillennialism* (Amill view)
R. C. Sproul, *The Last Days According to Jesus* (mainly explains the Olivet Discourse, Amil)
Anthony A. Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future* (review of eschatology)
Cornelis P. Venema, *The Promise of the Future* (review of eschatology)
J. Stewart Russell, *The Parousia* (Full Preterist View)