

Lecture 3 – Dying in Faith

Outline

1. Ultimate questions on death
 - A. Not a question of “if” or “why”, but “when” and “how”
 - B. Scriptures most interested in state of soul (“how”); what is our relationship to God at death?
2. Examples
 - A. R.C. Sproul’s mother – peaceful, “This is the happiest day of my life”
 - B. Tom Graham – “died in faith” (common Biblical epitaph)
 - C. Billy Graham and Jack Parr
 - * Either we die “in faith” or die “in our sins” (refusing to submit to the Creator)
 - D. R.C. Sproul’s uncle – “got things settled with God”
 - E. R.C. Sproul’s father – “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Tim. 4:7)
 - * Spoken words are irrevocable
 - * *Fight* against illness is a worthy struggle
 - * *Race*—endurance (marathon)
 - * *Faith*—not magic or superstition, but trust
3. Conclusion
 - A. The just live by faith
 - B. The just also die in faith

Notes

Questions to Consider

1. How honest should a family be when a loved one has a life-threatening illness? Who should be told the truth? Should anyone be shielded from the truth? Under what circumstances, if any, should the truth be held back?
2. Are there any relationships or circumstances you would have regrets about if you died today? What about them would cause regret?

Scriptural References

Ezekiel 3:17-19

John 8:23-24

Hebrews 3:12-19, 11:13-16