

Lecture 4 – Life After Death?

Outline

1. Human race pre-occupied with continuity of personal existence (“If a man dies, shall he live again?”—Job 14:14)
 - A. Hamlet: “To be or not to be”
 - * We would rather hang on to the pains of this world than venture to a world we don’t know
 - * This makes cowards of us all
 - B. Socrates: comforting speculation
 - C. Kant: “If there is no life after death, then this life is meaningless”
 - D. Holocaust
 - * Without God, there can be no holocaust, for life would be meaningless
 - * For something to be tragic, there first has to be value, a foundation for ultimate meaning
2. Our greatest comfort
 - A. The teaching of Jesus (His Words)
 - * John 14:1 (“Let not your hearts be troubled”)
 - * John 13:21 (“One of you is going to betray Me”)
 - * John 13:33 (“Where I am going, you cannot come”)
 - * John 14:2 (“If it were not so, I would have told you”)
 - * Jesus spoke as One having authority
 - B. The example of Jesus (His Work)

Notes

Questions to Consider

1. Do you think the fear of separation from loved ones is hardest for the one dying or the ones who remain? Why?
2. What is one insight about life after death which you have gained from this session?

Scriptural References

- Psalms 16:9-11
Psalms 49:10-15