



Daily Reflection

November 24, 2018

Scripture

Luke 20: 27-40

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying,

“Teacher, Moses wrote for us,

If someone’s brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died.

Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her.”

Jesus said to them,

“The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

That the dead will rise
even Moses made known in the passage about the bush,
when he called 'Lord'
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;
and he is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive."
Some of the scribes said in reply,
"Teacher, you have answered well."
And they no longer dared to ask him anything.

Our Scripture Reflection

The Sadducees were members of the Jewish aristocracy who only wanted to publicly embarrass Jesus regarding His teaching on the resurrection. Jesus, however, turns the tables on them while using their own argument against them. Yes, people marry and are given in marriage IN THIS LIFE. But in the life to come, we will be exclusively on God's time and we will do things His way. Therefore, no need to worry about human institutions and practices in eternal life. Do the dead live on after this life? Yes, God demonstrated that when He revealed Himself through the voice in the burning bush as the God of Abraham, Issac, Jacob and many more. They, and all are alive through Him.

Food for your Journey

The traditional wedding vow promises fidelity "in sickness and in health." Until recently, few have realized that marriage itself has a remarkable fringe benefit, at least for men. It makes them live longer.

Harvard Medical School's Men's Health Watch reported, in 2010, on the results of a major survey of 127,545 American adults. The study found that married men tend to be healthier than never-married, divorced or widowed men. The study also revealed that the longer a man stays married, the greater his survival advantage.

Among a variety of health outcomes, the study results went on, "Mental health is the most prominent; married men have a lower risk of depression and a higher likelihood of satisfaction with life in retirement than their unmarried peers. Being married has also been linked to better cognitive

function, a reduced risk of Alzheimer's disease, improved blood sugar levels and better outcomes for hospitalized patients."

--Harvard Men's Health Watch, July 2010, health.harvard.edu/newsletters/Harvard_Mens_Health_Watch/2010/

July/marriage-and-mens-health. Retrieved May 28, 2013.

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, You are God of the living not the dead. You are life itself. Help me to live my life according to Your desires for me. May I be found worthy one day to live with You in glory. Amen