

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#80 – “The Resurrection, Marriage, Angels, and the Sons of God” – Luke 20:27-40

I. Introduction

A. Questions on life after death.

1. Pastor Don’s experience with Christians over the years.
2. Secularist’s view – Earnest Nagel

B. Today’s text – Luke 20:27-40

1. Jesus encounters the religious elite in Jerusalem.
 - a. Luke 20:27
 1. The Sadducees influence on the Sanhedrin
 - a. Ryken, Geldenhuys, Hughes
 2. They were the materialists who did not believe in life after death.

II. Exposition

A. Luke 20:28-33

1. Sadducees accommodated the Roman authority.
2. Jesus “made waves”
 - a. Their way of life was threatened.
3. Contrasts between Pharisees and Sadducees
4. Background to the quotation in verse 28.
 - a. Quotation of Deut. 25:5-6.
 1. Levirate law – Remember Boaz and Ruth.
5. A stupid hypothetical question.
 - a. A “reductio ad absurdum”

B. Luke 20:34-36

1. The response by Jesus
 - a. Jesus corrects incorrect assumptions.
 - b. Marriage actually points to Jesus’ relationship to the church – Eph. 5:32

C. Luke 20:35

1. All dogs do not go to heaven.
2. Greek term -- “worthy”. To be c_____ worthy or to m_____ worthy
3. Alien righteousness – Philippians 3:9

D. Luke 20:36

1. No more death
2. How will we be like angels.
 - a. M_____ for the g_____ of God
 - b. N_____ s_____
 - c. Angels do not m_____
 - d. B_____ i_____
3. “Sons of God”
 - a. Possible linkage to angels – See Job 2:1; Ps. 89:6
 - b. Deeper truth – adopted into God’s family – Eph. 1:5

E. Luke 20:37-38

1. Point of Sadducee pride – knowledge of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible.)
 - a. Note Exodus 3:6 – Burning bush episode.
 1. Past tense not used in favor of the present tense.
 - b. Kent Hughes

F. Luke 20:39-40

1. Contrarian voices stopped.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The resurrection is central to belief and without it we have nothing! – Acts 23:6-8; Romans 10:9
- B. You may quote the Bible, but still not understand its meaning.
 1. Matthew 22:29
- C. We must rethink the purpose of marriage.
- D. We will be resurrected! – Luke 20:34-36; Gal. 4:5; 3:28