

3. Concerted effort following the leadership of the pastor.

4. Aiming directly at a revival in all work of the church.

5. Mighty, agonizing and ceaseless prayer.

6. The presence and power of the Holy Ghost.

IV. MOTIVES CONSIDERED.

1. Actual condition of the church.

2. The enemies of the Cross, number, activity, diabolical work.

3. Sinners going down to hell.

4. The exceeding great and precious promises of God.

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Funeral Service.

RESURRECTION POWER.

Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth.—Matt. ix: 24.

The ruler's daughter was dead; nothing can keep death from our homes. "It is appointed unto men once to die."

Jesus came to see the ruler's daughter. "Precious in the sight of the Lord," etc.

I. THESE ARE WORDS OF COMFORT TO THE BEREAVED.

1. Bereaved friends need comfort.

2. Jesus only can give it.

3. He is willing to come, send for Him.

II. THE YOUNG DIE.

1. It seems sad to die in youth.

2. Death respects no age. "Leaves have their time to fall," etc.

3. Why are the young taken away?

(a) To impress the living.

(b) Perhaps to higher and nobler pursuits.

III. DEATH IS SLEEP: "The maid is not dead, but sleepeth."

1. If death be a sleep, then there is another life consequent upon this life; there will be an awaking time. "To die is gain." And you will meet your friends again.

2. Then we ought to live earnestly.

How blessed to sleep in Jesus! And we may say to our fears and tears, "Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth."

Why weep? we may soon sleep.

Are you ready?

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IMMORTALITY AND ETERNAL LIFE.

If a man die shall he live again?—Job xiv: 14.

INTRO.—Job had just denied that man would live again in this life (vs. 10-12); that the body, as well as the soul, should live in a different condition is referred to in vs. 13, 15.

I. ALL MANKIND WILL LIVE AGAIN AT THE RESURRECTION.

1. The doctrine of the resurrection is not a natural belief of man, as that of the future existence of the soul. Acts xv: 32. The Bible teaches us this.

2. Passages, with distinctive comments: John v: 28, 29, "Marvel . . . forth": Is. xxvi: 19; Acts xxiv: 15.

3. These will not always live in the same conditions.—John v, 29.

II. THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE, PECULIARLY, IN ETERNITY.

1. There is a difference between "immortality" and "eternal life." Immortality (incorruptibility) is common to all; not so eternal life.—Rom. ii: 7; 2 Tim. i: 10.

2. This life begins on earth.—John v: 24 (see R. V.); vi: 47, present tense; viii: 51.

3. This life signifies a union with God. Christ, as Divine and human, has accomplished this.—Col. i: 21, 22; 2 Cor. v: 18; 1 Peter iii: 18. Union—a coming together.

4. This brings eternal happiness.—Rom. ii: 7; "immortality," plus "glory and honor," constitute eternal life.—Matt. xxv: 34 (see Gal. v: 21, 22); Thess. iv: 15; this because of vs. 16, 17; Rev. xxi: 3, 4.

As true as you die, so true will you live again; but will it be this life of happiness? M. FOUCHE.*

THE GROUP ABOUT THE BARE OF BETH-LEHEM.

When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.—Matt. ii: 61.

This is the central group of the world, a truly representative picture. In a public gallery at Brussels is a picture of the crucifixion. Its peculiarity is, that all the light which falls upon the upturned faces and on the thieves, comes