

Not in Gehenna, but Haides the rich man lifted up His eyes, Luke 16; 23.—So not in Haides, but into Gehenna is the 'whole body to be cast.' Matt. 5; 29, 30.

We have also before noted that a PLACE, an ABODE, is being prepared for the righteous. This is to be enjoyed by them in their resurrected bodies, which will consist of 'flesh and bones,' as their model certainly did. Luke 24; 39, 'See My hands and My feet. that it is I Myself; handle Me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have;' and 'we shall be like Him,' 1 John 3; 2. But the wicked also are to be raised, John 5; 29, 'All that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth . . . unto the resurrection of judgment.' Is it unreasonable to suppose that their bodies will also have physical locality? Nay, Scripture says it shall be! Gehenna is that place, and it is 'the lake of fire.' We are not now discussing our feelings, or the feelings of others. Our business is with 'What is written?' 'how readest thou?' and to Scripture we confine ourselves. We are not left in ignorance as to where this condition of things will be, or how it will be brought about. Peter, in his 2nd Epistle, 3; 7 12, teaches the doctrine without ambiguity. But here as elsewhere, we need the simple, submissive mind. 'The heavens are to pass away, and the earth is to be (not annihilated,) but dissolved.' This dissolution will be 'by fire.' This dissolved, chaotic condition of this earth will be Gehenna; a literal 'lake of fire.' Into this Gehenna the resurrected wicked will be cast. Haides thus will be confined, limited to the 'lake of fire.' 'Death and Haides were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death:' Rev. xx. 14. A careful exegesis of 2nd Pet. iii. 7, shows that the dissolution of the earth, the judgment, and the perdition of ungodly men, will be simultaneous.

Much confusion, as to these things, has been in the minds of some who make the body all; so much confusion also has been in the minds of others who make the spirit and soul all. Scripture teaches that complete man consists of spirit and soul and body, whether before or after regeneration, whether before or after resurrection, and complete happiness for the righteous is provided by God for spirit and soul and body; likewise the sufferings of the wicked will be upon spirit and soul and body.

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"WHAT IS MY SIN."

Gen. 31; 36—John 16; 19.

'Of sin, because they believe not on Me.' How often we may meet those who are ready to ask, like Jacob of old, 'What is my sin?' And they do it in conscious innocence. And my reader may be among many others? Let us see. But we must see them in the light of God's Word, not in the presence of men, not according to our thoughts of ourselves, not according to the thoughts of others, but according to God's thoughts about ourselves. It is easy for us to think well of ourselves; to whitewash the sepulchre of our outward conduct, as Job does in his 29th chap., 'Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widows heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; and my judgment was a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out. Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.' v. 12-18. Yes, and again in the 27th ch., 4-6 v., 'My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue use