Wherever The Corpse Is... (Matthew 24:28)

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INTRODUCTION

- As extreme as that is spiritual death is far worse.
- Spiritual death should be more greatly feared.
- A lot of the people that we come in contact with in the world reside in this death, and they don't even know it.

1 Wherever the Corpse Is, There the Vultures Gather

Matthew 24:28; Ezekiel 39:29

- Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will be gathered.
- As wonderful as you think all of this is, as much as you value worship in this place as an Israelite or as a Jew, I want to tell you, this is a corpse.
- I will put my spirit within you, and you will come to life.
- The ultimate of all of these passages is the new life that the Messiah will bring to covenant Israel.

2 The Corpse of Selfish Indulgence

- Spiritual death is so often not perceived or seen.
- What is not immoral in and of itself can take such a precedent in our lives and become an idol to us that it interferes with our responsibility in relationship to God.
- You do it, you get the feeling from it, and then it dissipates.
- The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing.
- If you're going to make selfish indulgence the rule of your life, ultimately, that's a corpse. You need something for your soul.

3 The Corpse of Worldly Focus

1 John 2:17; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Corinthians 15:53

- A lot of folks don't seek spiritual things because their hearts are absolutely consumed with the world and what it affords.
- The world is passing away. And all of its lusts.
- In contrast to a worldly focus that will be our spiritual corpse, there are things that the Bible talks about that are incorruptible and imperishable.
- Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away.

- If you exalt the corruptible over the incorruptible, there is the corpse where the vultures are gathered.

4 Do Not Be Satisfied in Mere Religion

- They were religious people. They did their duty. But something was missing in their relationship to God.
- I don't want to be content with the fact that we're religious and we do it on a regular basis.
- Do not be satisfied in mere religion and the right things emanating from our lips.
- It is about our hearts. And whether our hearts are molded after the Spirit's instruction to us.

5 The Corpse of Doing Things My Own Way

2 Corinthians 5:9

- I want to pursue a religion that works for me. That sort of fits into my schedule. Boy, that's a temptation.
- Let me decide what's acceptable religion. I don't decide that. God does.
- We have as our ambition to be pleasing to him.
- No matter how promising it may be or inviting it may be, my own way is doomed to corpse.

THE CHALLENGE

Does life reside in you? Or are you just pretty satisfied and think it's going to be okay? Don't be a corpse when life is right here within your grasp.

MY NOTES