

NOVEMBER 20, 2021
Saturday of the 33rd Week in OT
Luke 20: 27-40

“GOD OF THE LIVING.”

One of the most important teachings of Jesus Christ is the resurrection of the dead. He taught that everyone who belief in Him will have eternal life and in His second coming, he will be the judge, will separate good and evil like separating the goat and the sheep and the reward of heaven for those who will be at His right. Jesus even said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”¹

But some group of people do not believe in this teaching. The Sadducees taught their followers there is no resurrection, did not believe in immortality, angels, or evil spirits. Their belief was based in an image of heaven found only here on earth. So, when He was asked by them “Jesus retorts by dealing with the fact of the resurrection. The scriptures give proof of it. In Exodus 3:6, when God manifests his presence to Moses in the burning bush, the Lord tells him that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He shows that the patriarchs who died hundreds of years previously were still alive in God. Jesus defeats their arguments by showing that God is a living God of a living people. God was the friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when they lived. That friendship could not cease with death. The ultimate proof of the resurrection is the Lord Jesus and his victory over death when he rose from the tomb.”²

Regarding who will be the husband of the woman who married the seven brothers, in heaven there will be no relationships as husband or wife, mother or father but as children of God, as brothers and sisters. “To begin with, in the next life there are no marriage relationships. The children of this age i.e. those who belong this world marry

¹ John 11: 25-26 Holy Bible NRSVCE Canadian Bible Society

² www.dailyscripture.net

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. In the new life, all live face to face with God in a life that never ends. All are equally children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, taking their life and existence from him. That is now the focus of their relationship and it is through that relationship that they are bound together.”³

My brothers and sisters, as believers and followers of Jesus, to be with Him here on earth and after life is our hope and ultimate desire. Everything good we do for Him and other people, eternal life and resurrection will be our reward. Our life here on earth are just temporary, our life will be for ever in His Kingdom. Whatever difficulties and challenges we have today are all short-term, it will end and if we are faithful to Him, heaven and life everlasting will be our destination. Let us ask therefore in this Eucharist that we may always be faithful to Him, follow His precepts and treat other as our brothers and sisters so that we may attain eternal life.

³ livingspace.sacredspace.ie