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It is interesting that the book of Genesis, (which literally means, the “book of beginning”) ends with “a coffin in Egypt”. A lot of events took place in this first Book between the record of GOD’s creation of the world and Joseph’s burial in a coffin in the dry sands of Egypt’s desert. None of those events, however, has had any greater impact on natural men than the one which brought Joseph to this somber abode. According to the LORD’s eternal purpose HE created man upright and placed HIM in a garden and instructed HIM to eat of all the trees of that Garden but one. HE then declared that this same man would die in the day that HE ate the fruit of this forbidden tree and exactly according to HIS purpose this is precisely what Adam did. Adam’s action (a disregard of the LORD’s commandment) brought upon him the exact consequences determined by the LORD for HIS disobedience. He died. Now we know that he did not cease to breathe nor did his heart stop beating, but rather the principle of death was introduced to him and he became a walking “dead man”. He was banished from the Garden and had no access to the TREE of LIFE. Well did Job prophesy when he said, *“Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.”*

Adam has passed this death on to all of his posterity. *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”* (Rom 5:12) *“for the judgment was by one to condemnation,----by one man’s offence death reigned by one----by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation---- by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners.”* So in this we see that Adam’s unrighteousness is imputed to his sons, and his wicked nature is passed along to all of his offspring and brings death to all of those who have sprung from his loins. A man does not have to do one thing to bring himself into condemnation and its resultant sentence of death. Physical and spiritual death is the result of this principle of sin which is in all of mankind by nature even as David confesses, *“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”* and then declares, *“The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.”* Paul testifies that *“the wages of sin is death.”* Therefore dying men die without remedy because death is in their “DNA”. As soon as a man is born he begins a slow or rapid (as GOD may determine according to HIS purpose) descent back to the dust from whence he was formed.

Physical death is common to all men. Rich and poor, large and small, powerful and weak, are all alike in this matter. *“All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: ----and after that they go to the dead.”* *“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”* Death strips a man of all power and he is soon forgotten. Joseph was a man of some power and authority in Egypt as long as he lived but death took away any position which he held and a later king had no regard to his person or people. The remembrance of a man will slowly fade from those who have loved him, but is quickly forgotten by the rank and file of the earth.

Even death cannot destroy the hope of those who are awakened and made righteous in JESUS CHRIST. This is due to the fact that they are given a hope which is not of this world. For *“faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* Joseph confessed that he was not a citizen of Egypt, and he believed that GOD would deliver Israel out of Egypt and went to HIS grave with this HOPE. As righteous as Moses and the law he administered was, he could not deliver Joseph from his coffin. All that Moses could do was to remove the bones from one grave in Egypt and bury them again in Canaan. For *“the law made nothing perfect”* The hope of the saints is not connected with any expectation of their own righteousness but in the complete deliverance of the ONE who is LIFE. *“For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.”* While Joseph covenanted with the children of Israel to bring his bones out of Egypt, yet his confidence did not rest on their ability to carry this out but in the expectation and hope that GOD HIMSELF would visit the people of GOD and deliver them. The natural man is fit for nothing but a coffin in this earth. *“flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.”* The kingdom of GOD is not of this world nor can man in his natural state enter into it. In order for a man to have an entrance into this Kingdom, he must be born again.

The resurrection power of JESUS CHRIST is thus manifested in the saints by calling and in the final day when their natural bodies are transformed into those which are spiritual and incorruptible.

“Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**