

“GOD OF THE LIVING”

Mark 12:18-27

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I. How do the Sadducees challenge Jesus? (vv. 18-23)

“say there is no resurrection.”

“In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be?”

_____ seeks to make the faith look _____.

Deuteronomy 25:5ff

Matthew 1: 3

Acts 23:8

“Deny the resurrection and you become a practical atheist.”

-Sinclair Ferguson

II. How does Jesus respond to this inquiry? (vv. 24-25)

“Is this not the reason you are wrong...”

“because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?”

“they neither marry nor are given in marriage”.

“but are like the angels in heaven”

The Creator has the _____ to raise the dead.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

“Whoever says that the resurrection of the dead cannot be deduced from the Torah has no part in the Age to Come.”

-Mishna Sanhedrin X.1

“The reality of our future bodily resurrection is not merely some point of doctrine to be affirmed; it is a certainty that ought to control our lives in the here and now.”

-Mike McKinley

III. What is the second response to their inquiry? (vv. 26-27)

"have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage of the bush"

"I am the God of Abraham... Isaac ... Jacob".

"He is not God of the dead, but of the living"

"quite wrong"

The God of the living _____ to raise the dead.

Exodus 3:6

1 Corinthians 15:14

Phiippians. 1:21-23

"Union with God, not producing a quiver full of heirs, ultimately thwarts death."

-David Garland

"It was a failure to appreciate the essential link between God's covenant faithfulness and the resurrection which had led the Sadducees into their grievous error."

-William Lane

"Faith will not grow without planting, and will die even where it is planted unless it is watered and fertilized with the Word of God."

-William Gurnall

"To know the Scripture truly is to have hearts ready to receive God's kingdom and its King, Jesus the Messiah."

-Mark Strauss

BIG IDEA: Trust the God of living to raise you from the dead.

Questions to Drive It Home:

1. What instruction in doctrine do you find here? What is meant by that doctrine?
2. What should you give thanks for in this text?
3. What sins of omission or commission revealed by this text should you confess?
4. What should you ask Him to give you that He has promised or commanded here?