

## Daily Devotional, April 7, 2020

### “The God of the Living” (Mark 12:27, NKJV)

*“Then some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying: “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring. And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise. So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife.” Jesus answered and said to them, “Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken” (Mark 12:18-27).*

Many people today, even religious people and professing believers in God, deny the supernatural to some degree or other. It is human pride to deny divine power just because it cannot be fully understood or duplicated by human means. By definition God is supernatural, and cannot be fully understood or comprehended. The Sadducees were the religious party in Jesus’ day that denied the resurrection, and they thought they could outsmart the Son of God! Good luck to anyone trying to do that. These religious men had invented an extremely unlikely situation that they thought proved their point. But the Lord confounded them. The Sadducees only accepted the first five books of the Bible as canonical, and Jesus responded with a quote from Exodus 3:6, which they could not dispute. So we learn that the resurrection is not only taught and proven in the New Testament, but also in the Old Testament.

So, do you believe in the resurrection, that Jesus rose from the grave on the third day, and that someday everyone will rise again to give an account of what they did with Jesus and what they did with their lives on earth? Do you believe in the resurrection? If so, why do you act as if there is no hope in your life, living in fear and anxiety? If so, what makes you think that you will escape accountability? God is the Living God and **“the God of the living.”** Are there parts of the Bible that say exactly

what they say, and can mean only one thing, but yet you have cleverly devised arguments and logic to excuse away their obvious truth and conviction in your life?

Having set before us a heavy barrage of challenges and exhortations, let us now turn to some words of consolation. Jesus Christ, the Living God, is “**God the living,**” because He died and rose again. If you believe this, then you are among the “**living**”, and you have eternal life in and with God, and nobody can ever take that away from you (Cf. John 10:28-29). Since God can raise the dead, even Himself, then He can surely providentially, naturally, and supernaturally (should He so choose) work in your life. Christian friend, your hope is certain, and stands in stark contrast to this uncertain world. Rejoice in your certain hope this season, and faint not because of fear of earthly pestilence or trouble. Resurrection hope and victory are given to us by “**the God of the living.**”