

Le Nouvel Esprit:
A Video Series on the Theology of
the Body

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The Sadducees and Scripture

- Matt. 22:25-28; Mark 12:24; Luke 20:27-28
 - The Sadducees are wrong because they are ignorant of Scripture and of God's power
 - Two essential statements
 - 1) The statement about the future resurrection
 - 2) The statement about the state of being of risen bodies
- Relation between the Sadducees and Scripture
 - They treated the resurrection as a theory that can be refuted
 - Christ stated they are ignorant of Scripture, meaning they are mistaken in their method
 - The Sadducees err in substance because they do not know the power of God
 - The Sadducees kept a literal interpretation of Scripture, but this is insufficient due to ignorance of God's power
 - This means that the Sadducees do not believe in the One revealed at the burning bush (Exodus 3)

Life through Covenant

- ““I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Ex. 3:16
 - This reveals to us that
 - 1) The reality of life does not end with death
 - 2) God is not bound by the laws of death
 - 3) God many times has reached out to man to establish a covenant with him
 - In doing this, God continually renews in these covenants the very reality of life, giving man access again to it
 - Through covenants man has an opening to the tree of Life
- Power of God is a required Biblical hermeneutic in order to understand the Truth of the reality of the resurrection and immortality
 - The power of God reveals these truths
 - If one does not understand the power of God, he or she does not understand these truths

Final Remarks

- Christ is God's final word on the subject
- The New Covenant with Christ opens up the prospect for Life and access to the tree of Life
 - This is the meaning of Christ's life, death, and mission
- Sadducee anthropology
 - Only accepted the psychosomatic, did not have a concept of soul
 - The resurrection was understood in terms of strictly a bodily resurrection
- Fn 75 remarks about modern scholarship concerning these Biblical texts and the historical critical method

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