

**Resurrection – *True or False?***

**Matthew 22: 23-33**

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## What did the sad Sadducees believe?

*The sad Sadducees believed in the first 5 books of the Bible*

*They denied the resurrection of the dead, the afterlife, and the existence of angels and demons*

Verse 23 - 24

**The sad Sadducees spring their trap**

**This had to do with the Levirate law in  
Deuteronomy 25: 6-7**

**If a husband died without a son, the brother would marry his wife to produce an heir**

**This ensured the family name continued, and property holdings were kept in the family**

Verse 25 - 28

**The childless widow and seven brothers**

**The childless wife is passed to seven brothers, no children resulted**

**The trap question:**

***“In the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be?”***

**The sad Sadducees were trying to demonstrate the absurdity of the resurrection**

## World Think:

Resurrection is for the dull, silly, ignorant, superstitious, and for the simpletons

This is how natural man views spiritual things – *foolishness!*

1 Corinthians 2: 14

Paul addresses the foolishness of mankind's philosophies

God has made foolish  
the wisdom of  
the world

1 Corinthians 1:20

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Where is the wise? where  
is the scribe? where is the  
disputer of this world? has  
not God made foolish the  
wisdom of this world?

—1 Corinthians 1:20



**Satan does his best to undermine the resurrection**

**Destroy the resurrection and destroy Christianity**

**The world must deal with the fact:**

**THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!!**

## Verse 29

**Jesus' response: *You are Mistaken!***

**Fact statements in Scripture concerning the resurrection – here are a few:**

**John 11: 25-26**

**John 6: 40**

**Daniel 12: 1-2**

**Daniel 12:1**

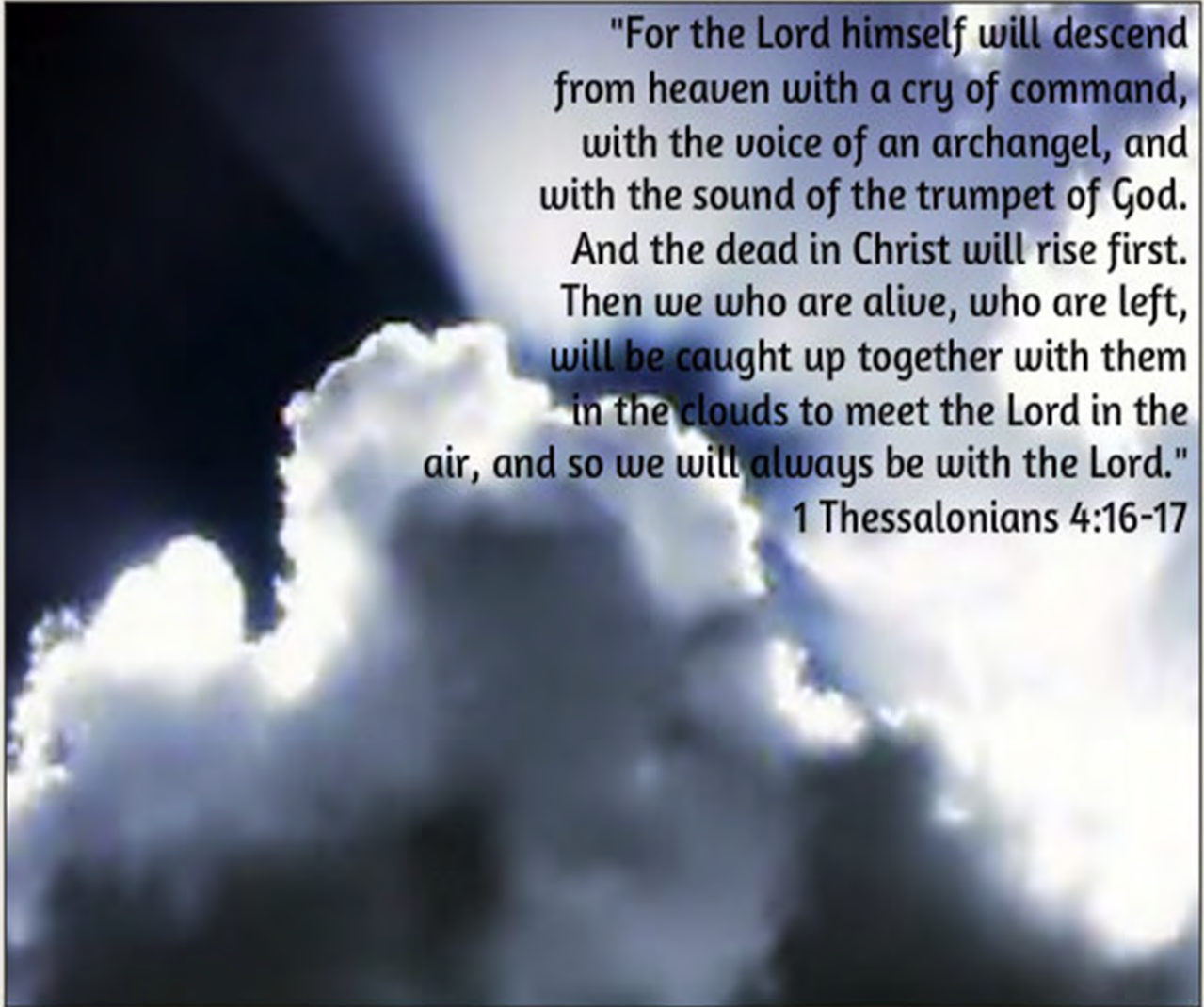
**“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.**



**Daniel 12:2-3**

**<sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.**

With a  
command  
from Jesus,  
Resurrection  
will occur



"For the Lord himself will descend  
from heaven with a cry of command,  
with the voice of an archangel, and  
with the sound of the trumpet of God.  
And the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them  
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the  
air, and so we will always be with the Lord."  
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

## Verse 30

**Our resurrection state is clarified**

Jesus could not be more clear, sad  
Sadducees, *there is a resurrection!*

Oh, by the way, sad Sadducees, *angels are  
also real!*

**Believers will be like the angels**

**Elect angels** = angels that chose not to side  
with Satan in his rebellion against God

**1 Timothy 5: 21**

**God has given His higher creation (*angels and humans*) the ability to choose contrary to Him**

**Those who are elect have received the divine call to be loyal to God**

**Believers will be like the elect angels, confirmed in their character and enjoy the presence of God forever!**



Verse 31- 32

**God is the God of the living**

Jesus hits the sad Sadducees between the eyes with, ***“have you not read?”***

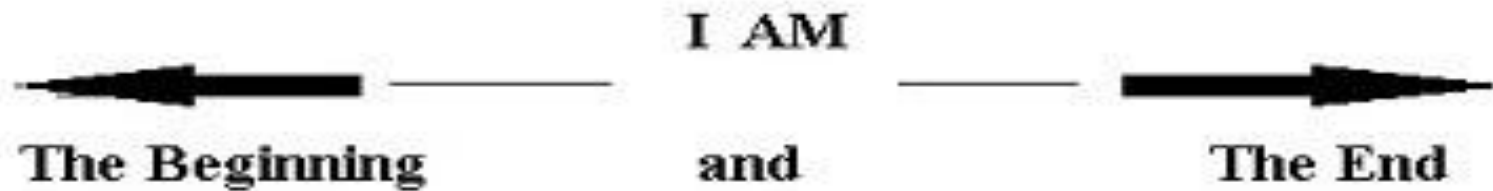
Jesus expects these Torah readers to know the Scriptures, to be familiar with the ***“I AM”!***

Seven times in the Book of John, **Jesus identifies Himself as the “I AM”**

**“I AM”** in Greek is ***“Ego Emi”***, I AM He who exists, I AM the eternal presence

## **" AND GOD SAID "**

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega--the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come--the Almighty One." (Revelation 1:8)**



**Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.**

**Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
(Psalm 90:1-2)**

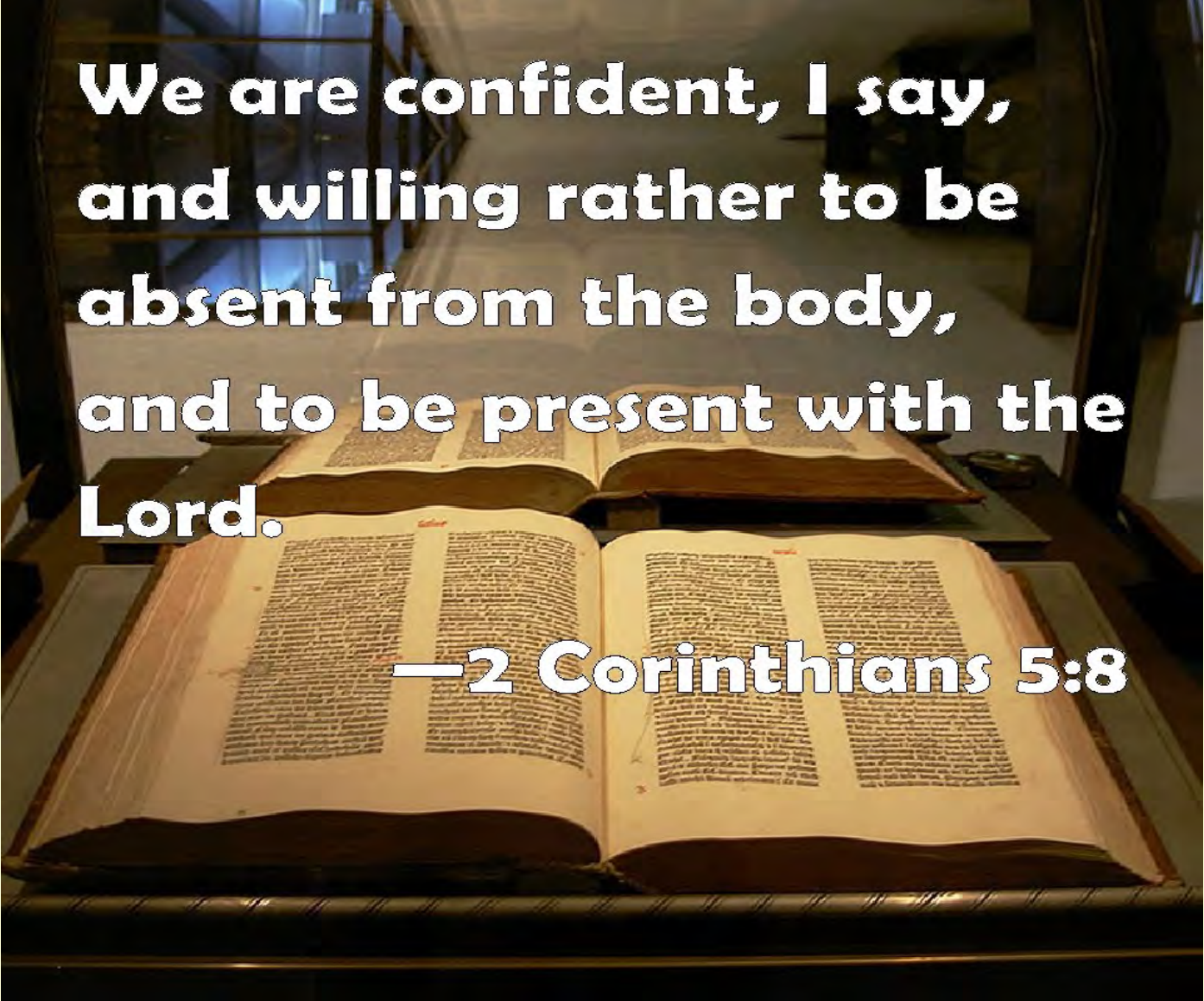
***“God is not the God of the dead, but of the Living”***

**Does the Bible define death as nonexistence?**

***NO!***

**The Bible defines death as separation**

**When a believer dies, they are instantly in the presence of God!**

An open Bible is placed on a dark wooden desk. The Bible is open to two pages, showing dense text in two columns. In the background, a hallway with a window and a door is visible, suggesting a study or library setting. The lighting is warm and focused on the Bible.

**We are confident, I say,  
and willing rather to be  
absent from the body,  
and to be present with the  
Lord.**

**—2 Corinthians 5:8**

**Verse 33**

**Astonished!**

**The difference that Jesus makes in a person's life, present and future, is astonishing!**

## CLOSING:

Who is Jesus to you?

**Our world views Jesus in various ways:**

Teacher, wise one, enlightened, good guy,  
but . . . . *not God incarnate!*

**Jesus' own family thought Him to be crazy until  
the resurrection**

The world in Jesus' day denied Him, thought He  
was a false Messiah, maybe a lunatic





**“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool; you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.”**

**~ C. S. LEWIS**

**Hopefully, you will come to know Him as  
LORD – Master – Ruler – *Owner of your life!***

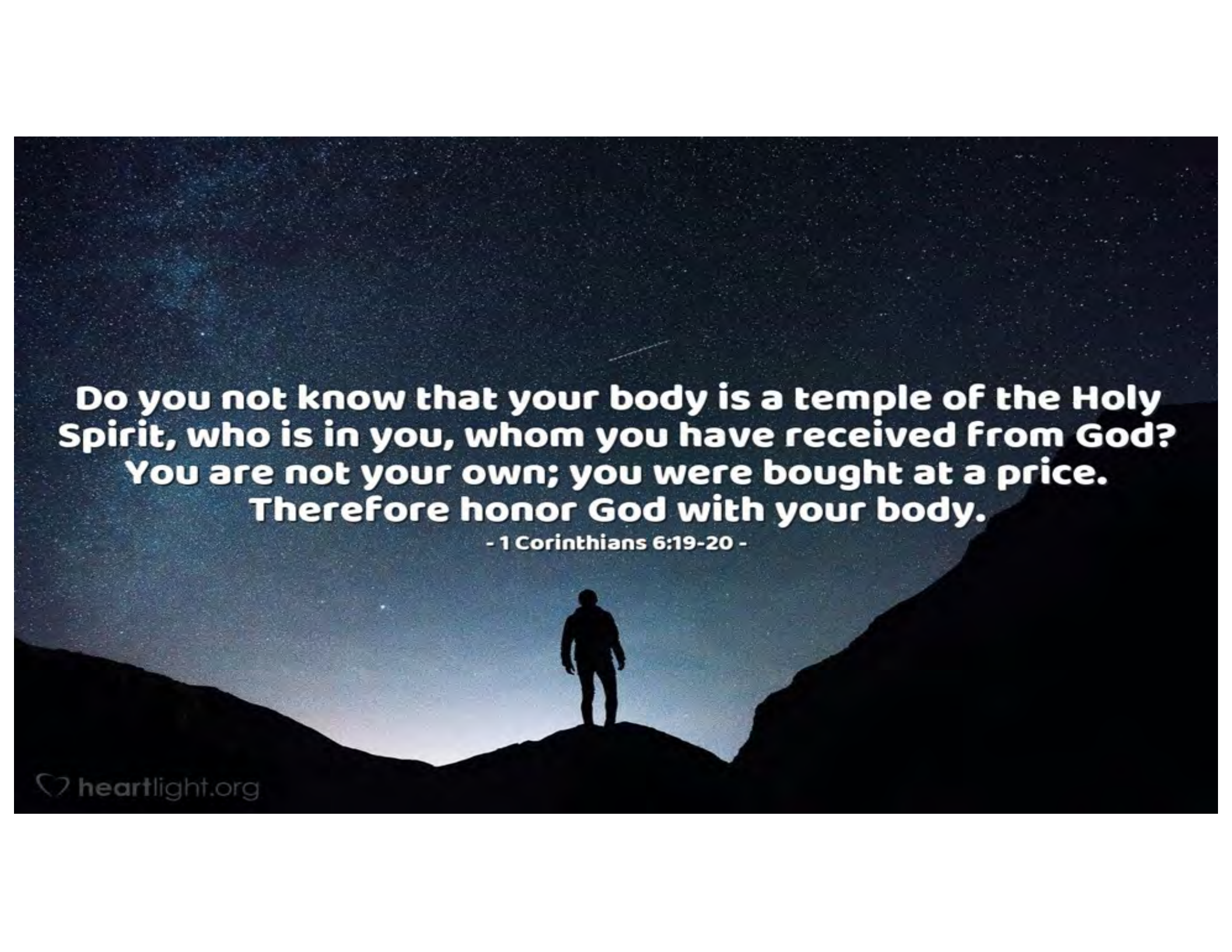
**Jesus bought me with a price, His life for  
mine, I belong to Him (*bondservant, slave*)**

## BONDSERVANT

- *Doulos*: "one who is subservient to, and entirely at the disposal of, his master; a slave."
- Often translated, bondservant, servant or slave.
- The Hebrew word for "bondservant," *ebed*, had a similar connotation.

## A BOND SERVANT

- Romans 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,
- Phil. 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,
- James 1:1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Jude 1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

A silhouette of a person standing on a mountain peak under a starry night sky. The person is centered in the lower half of the image, looking out over a valley. The sky is dark with many stars and a faint blue glow near the horizon. The mountains are dark and silhouetted against the sky.

**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.**

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 -

When it finally hits you, *who you are and who Jesus is*, then you will say with all your heart:

**The Lord is my Strength, my Rock, my Fortress, my Deliverer, my Refuge, my Stronghold, my Hope!**

***THE LORD, HE IS MY SAVIOR!***

**RESURRECTION – TRUE OR FALSE?**

**BET YOUR LIFE - IT IS ALL TRUE!!**

**Because of the  
RESURRECTION,  
you can know  
with all your  
heart:**

**THE MOST  
POWERFUL  
GOD  
FORGIVES  
YOU!**

**BASK IN THIS TRUTH!!**

**“Because I live,  
you will also live”**

**John 14: 19**