

The Breath Of Life

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7).

What is life? Can anyone really describe it? We know that it dwells in us and in our bodies, but is not part of the body. It is just there making us exist in the live state that we are in. So can anyone explain what life is? Many have tried and have tried too hard and came up with The Big Bang Theory and Evolution. They make the origin of life something complex that came about over millions of years. The point is, there are some things we cannot fully comprehend or understand but we do not have to make them complicated. There is really one thing about life that we can understand and it is far from complicated. And that is, since life is so powerful, it had to be given by a powerful being and that powerful being would be God.

Therefore, life shows the power of God. The Psalmist David said in Psalm 139:14, *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."* Think of what a miracle the human body is and how it by itself shows the power of God. Life just makes it even more amazing because life is what makes it all work. Consider Abraham and his faith in Hebrews 11:17-19, *"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, 'In Isaac your seed shall be called,' concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."* What great faith! Abraham believed in the resurrection of the dead. But let us think about the apostles and all the early Christians. They believed in the resurrection because they were either taught it or witnessed it. As far as we know, Abraham had neither but still believed in the resurrection of the dead. Why? He concluded it. He knew that if God was powerful enough to give something like life once, He could do it again in the resurrection! Abraham knew the power of life and the power God had over life.

But even life, in all its greatness and wonder, is short. *"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.'" We do not know if we will make it to tomorrow. That is why we need to make the most of today. To the world this means seeing how much physical prosperity they can accomplish with today. But to the Christian, today should mean more than just the opportunity to*

physically prosper. Make the most of today by laying up treasure in heaven. Be a servant to your fellow man, and spend time with those you love. And most of all, if you are not a child of God, become one today (John 8:24; Romans 10:10; Luke 13:3; Mark 16:16)! In every way, make the most of today! It may be the last chance life has to offer you to become the person God wants you to be. "*Therefore He says: 'Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light'*" (Ephesians 5:14).

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