

*1 Corinthians 15:35-41 (NASB)*

***35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"***

1. The how, of the resurrection may not be understood, or
2. The characteristics of the risen body.

Our wisdom is to know the scriptures, to know His word, without questioning of His power to give bodies meaning.

***36 You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies***

Death must come in before resurrection.

Death is termination, but death is **not** annihilation.

This gives the Christian a unique view of death: Death is a first step, not a final step!

***37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.***

The dead body of that saint is laid in the grave, sown: in the resurrection it will come up vastly different, yet with its identity preserved.

***38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and <sup>Gen 1:11</sup> to each of the seeds a body of its own.***

Man can put the seed in the ground, but man cannot make it grow, even less can man give it a body according to his determination.

It would be a very good thing for us to have more faith of resurrection.

***39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.***

Notice that there is a difference in the flesh of man and the flesh of animals.

***40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.***

Because God put His glory in everything He created, His creation manifests a different facet of His glory that is observable in every individual thing He created.

***41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42a</sup>So also [is] the resurrection of the dead."***

The object here is not to prove different degrees of glory in heaven, but rather to contrast the risen with the natural condition.

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