

## **“Things Accomplished Among Us” (Luke 1:1)**

*Selected Reflections From Luke*

### **No More Questions!**

#### **Luke 20**

I’m reading from Luke 20, verses 27-40. Stay with me now, this is not an easy read.

<sup>27</sup> There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup> and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.<sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup> And the second <sup>31</sup> and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup> Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons<sup>[b]</sup> of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” <sup>39</sup> Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” <sup>40</sup> For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

This question directed to Jesus, was not an effort to learn, seek information or be corrected. They denied something Jesus

believed, the resurrection. Their convoluted question expressed their purpose, to trap Jesus; to catch Him in His Words.

Sometimes an opponent (as a tactic) will state an issue or question with complicated subterfuge, and the aim is to confuse, not clarify; to prove something, not learn anything. These men were acting on these motives.

Jesus, however, was not caught or trapped. He said, in essence, *what you are asking about is an earthly relationship. In heaven, there is no marriage ceremonies or funerals!* What He said next is really important. God is not "the God of the dead, but of the living." **God's people have life with God, not just here on earth – but after death.** I hope and pray, all who are listening are making certain of your good responses to God and His Son – so that the relationship you have with God now, not only continues after you die, but is enhanced by blessings in perfect abundance.

Thank you for listening.

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