Shall Man Live Again?

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Job was a man familiar with death. In one day, he lost his livestock, as well as his sons and daughters, and upon hearing of the destruction, "Job arose and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped; and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah" (Job 1:13-21).

Solomon had this to say about death: "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart" (Ecclesiastes 7:2).

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Job had the answer in his own day as he affirmed when he said, "And after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, then without my flesh, shall I see God; whom I, even I, shall see" (Job 19:26-27).

The New Testament's answer to this great question is expressed this way: "And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment; so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:27-28).

The Lord said, "The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live" (John 5:25). What provisions are you making for that great day? Ross Triplett, Sr.