

## The Nature of Our Resurrected Bodies 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

### #1: Analogies of the Resurrection (15:35-41)

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

<sup>36</sup> You foolish person!

#### **Analogy 1: Seeds (36b-37)**

What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

#### **Analogy 2: Bodies (38-41)**

<sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.

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**My future body is to my current body what an oak tree is to an acorn: identifiably the same, but greater to an unimaginable degree. I mean ‘unimaginable’ quite literally: there is no way you could look at an acorn and imagine what an oak tree was like unless you had previously seen one, and it will be the same with the resurrection.**

<sup>41</sup> 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.

### #2: Contrasts of the Natural Body and the Resurrected Body (15:42-44)

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

### #3: Contrasts of Adam and Christ (15:45-49)

<sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

#### **Philippians 3:20–21**

**20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:50**

**I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.**

**Psalm 17:15**

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

**Romans 8:29**

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**1 John 3:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.