Do men live after death? A great many people firmly believe that they do and have even promised some loved one or friend that, if such be the case, they would come back after death and appear to them.

In a recent issue of the Watchman Magazine, it is reported that Mr. John Bowman was so convinced that death was not the cessation of life, that he created a fund to provide for the perpetual care of his house at Cuttingville, Vermont, after his death. So, for more than fifty years the furniture has been dusted, the beds changed weekly, and fresh food placed in the pantry — but, according to latest reports, Mr. Bowman has not returned to his home!

Another man who promised to come back from the dead if it were possible was Harry Houdini, the great magician, who spent the last years of his life exposing the trickery of some who claimed to be spirit mediums.
Before his death in October, 1926, he entrusted to his wife certain secret messages, with the understanding that after he had passed away he would attempt to communicate them to her. Faithful to her part of the bargain, Mrs. Houdini attended hundreds of seances, kept a light burning before her husband's photograph for years, and on the anniversary of his death every year made a futile effort to communicate with him. But no message ever came, and on February 1, 1943, near Needles, California, on a train en route to New York, she died without ever having heard one word from the one she loved so well.

Harry Houdini had escaped from handcuffs, chains, ropes, strait jackets, locked trunks, roped packing boxes, barrels. He had been buried in sealed coffins, sewed up in canvas bags, stuffed into milk cans, and even riveted inside boilers and locked in safes. But he always escaped. No locks or bars or bonds could hold him.
His supposedly miraculous feats made him world famous. But, while he escaped from every bond or restraint that men could devise, he could not escape from the grave. Neither Mr. Bowman nor Mr. Houdini has been able to come back.

But people want to know -- is there a life beyond? Is there to be a resurrection of the dead? Will the "loved and loving who have left us lonely here" ever come back? Is the end of life, as we know it here, the end of everything? Never have people asked these questions more earnestly and more insistently than now -- and why shouldn't they? Never have war losses touched more homes; and, besides all this in Europe and Asia, thousands -- yes, millions -- of human beings have been swept away in scientific extermination enterprises beyond the dreams of past ages.

Is man, after all, only an electrolytic battery in solution, composed of fourteen elements -- oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, sulphur, calcium, etc.?
Is that all he is, waiting for dissolution back into "the nothing he set out from"? No wonder men today think about a life after death! There are vacant chairs in many a home, and millions long "for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still."

The very thought of extinction is repugnant to the human mind. In fact, we cannot conceive of ourselves as not existing. In 1883, when old age was drawing near, the skeptical scientist, Thomas Huxley, wrote to a friend that, the older he got, the more he disliked the thought of extinction. He said that at all sorts of times the thought that in 1900 he would probably know no more than he did in 1800, flashed before him with a sort of horror. "And," he added, "I had sooner be in hell."

He seemed to feel that it would be better to be in hell alive than to cease to exist.
However that may be, the human heart loves life. There is no doubt about that; and, according to 1 Corinthians 15:26, death is man's enemy, not his friend.

So we ask the question, Is death the end of existence? For the answer, we turn to the Holy Scriptures, God's revelation to men, and the answer in a few words is this: There is death, but there is also resurrection. To the man whose hope is in Christ, there is life beyond the tomb -- endless life. It is said that early Christians inscribed upon their tombs the Latin word *resurgam*, meaning "I shall rise again." There was certainty in their faith. They really believed something. They had no doubts about the future. And that was because they believed the Bible and its divine prophecies of resurrection. These prophecies are plain and clear in the Old Testament as well as in the New. These Resurrection Prophecies are not surmises, wishes, guesses, or even hopes -- they are revelations from God.
(When we ask the age-old question,  
Comes no answer from the sod;  
In the hour of loss and heartbreak,  
Turn we to the Word of God.

--H. M. S. Richards.

And what do we find there? -- In the Old Testament:

1. A prophecy in --

   Job 19:23-27

   Oh that my words were now written!  
   oh that they were printed in a book!  
   That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!  
   For I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
   and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:  
   And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
   Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another;  
   though my reins be consumed within me.

2. We turn to Psalm 49:15 and read a direct prophecy of deliverance from the grave in these words:

   But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for He shall receive me.
3. Next we read the words of the mighty prophet Daniel — a definite prediction of the resurrection of the dead:

Daniel 12:1, 2

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of Thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time Thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

According to this prophecy, two classes of people will rise from the dead — those who receive everlasting life and those who are subject to everlasting contempt. This is in perfect harmony with the words of the apostle Paul in Acts 24:15 "that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust."
These two passages of Scripture show not only that there will be a resurrection, but that both the just and the unjust will rise from the dead. Our Saviour makes the direct and positive prediction that --

All that are in the graves shall hear His voice,
And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5: 28, 29.

So, then, according to these prophecies of resurrection, not only may men live again, they must live again, because it is plainly so stated in the Scriptures. All men, good and bad, will rise from the dead: Christian and skeptic, hypocrite and saint, merciful and murderous, ignorant and learned, rich and poor, men who believed in life after death and those who said death was an end, the end. All the millions who slumber in the bosom of mother earth -- all the nations underground -- all the dead will rise again.
David Livingston who gave his life for the spiritual and physical redemption of Africa, whose heart is buried under the oak tree at Ujiji and whose body rests in Westminster Abbey, will rise again.

The lawyer who died last year in Brookline, Massachusetts, leaving in his will $100,000 for the benefit of his pet tom cat, Buster, and cutting off seven relatives because of their alleged contempt for the said Buster, will rise again.

The apostle Peter, crucified head downward, it is said, because of his faith in Christ, will rise again.

Voltaire who, it is reported, declared that while it took twelve men to found the Christian religion, he would prove that one man could overthrow it, will rise again.

Martin Luther, the great reformer who said: "I have often tried to notice the moment I either fall asleep or awake, but I cannot; sleep has overtaken me before I am aware of it.
So it shall also be with our death and resurrection." — Luther, who said that, will rise again.

Nietzsche, the atheist philosopher of the superman, who called Christianity "the one great curse, the one intrinsic depravity," will rise again. He will hear the voice of the Son of God, and will come forth. So will those eleven thousand children, victims of human sacrifice, whose pitiful little skeletons were found by the archeologists at Gezer, near old Jerusalem. Yes, they will live again with all the victims of pagan cruelty and savage customs from every age.

All the slain of all the wars will live again. The earth and the sea will give up their dead. All the saints and sages and philosophers and writers and preachers, inventors, kings, emperors, presidents — the great and the small, the old and the young of all races and creeds and classes — all who have died on this earth from the last groan of Abel to the first blast of the resurrection trumpet;
from the gates of Eden to the "last syllable of recorded time" — "all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth." John 5: 28, 29.

There are many who have died hoping that there would be no resurrection. They do not want a resurrection. Lady Ann Grimston said that it was no more likely that she would rise from the dead than that a tree would rise out of her body; and these words greatly grieved her many Christian friends. She died in 1717 and was buried in Tervin churchyard, in England, in what was called an alter tomb, covered over with a huge stone slab. Years passed, and the great stone cracked open in the middle and a young tree pushed up its head. It grew to be one of the largest trees in Hertfordshire and its branches twisted around the tomb and lifted it above the earth.
They also laid hold of the iron railing around the tomb and twisted the great iron rails like ropes and held them dangling in the air, a witness to the power of God.

Some day Lady Grimston will rise again and answer to the voice of Christ.

4. We find another great prophecy of the resurrection, written seven hundred years before Christ, in --

Isaiah 26 : 19

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

The Old Testament prophets will rise with New Testament apostles.

Little do we realize the wonder of the human body. If the blood-vessels of an average-sized man were strung out in a straight line, that line would be more than sixty miles long -- and this is just one illustration of the complexity and marvel of man's body.
If man's natural body is so wonderful, how infinitely more won-
derful will be that "spiritual body" which is promised to all the children of God! (1 Corinthians 15:44.)

5. Christ's resurrection was foretold by David in scriptural prophecy hundreds of years before it took place.

Psalm 16:9, 10

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.

That this prophecy applies to Christ, the apostle Paul declares in —

Acts 13:35-37

Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.

For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

But He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

This fulfillment of resurrection prophecy by our Saviour proved Him to be the Son of God, according to —
Romans 1:4

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

6. Christ prophesied His own resurrection in Matthew 20:18, 19, where, speaking of Himself as the Son of man, He said:

Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death,

And shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again.

This resurrection prophecy was literally fulfilled, as we read in Luke 24:1-7. The two men in shining garments said to the women who had come to the sepulchre early that first-day morning:

Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee,
Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

Verses 5 - 7.

The tomb of Christ is an empty tomb today. He is not in a coffin in Arabia with Mohammed, nor in the great earth mound in Shantung with Confucius, nor in the gilded pagoda in Rangoon with the finger bones or relics of Gautama Buddha. No, a thousand times No! He is not here. He is risen, and has gone before us, not to Galilee, but to heaven where He ever liveth to make intercession for us, and from whence He shall come to "judge the quick and the dead."

Christ is risen -- Christ is alive!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Christ the mighty, to conceal;
Death in vain forbids Him rise, He hath opened paradise.

Lead us, Lord, where Thou hast led, -- Thou, our high, exalted Head;
Made like Thee, by Thee we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

---Charles Wesley.

Low in the grave He lay,
Jesus, my Saviour!
Waiting the coming day,
Jesus, my Lord!

---Robert Lowry.
7. And let us not forget for one moment that Jesus prophesied our resurrection -- the resurrection prophecies are for us, too. Listen to His words in --

**John 6:39, 40**

And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Time after time in this wonderful sixth chapter of John the promise is repeated, "I will raise him up at the last day." Those are the words of our Saviour. How can we doubt them? We do not doubt them -- we believe them! Glorious, wonderful words of life! Our resurrection is made sure by His.

The apostle Paul declares it in so many words in --
1 Corinthians 15:20 - 23

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

The resurrection that we look for is at His coming.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

This is the greatest joy of all -- to be with the Lord!

Glorious day, come quickly! is our prayer.
And to meet friends and loved ones and the good and the holy and the blessed -- how wonderful it will be, for we shall know each other there -- know even as we are known! (1 Corinthians 13:12.)

In 1869 two brothers, Michael and John Kerler, who had come to the United States from Germany, became separated and did not see each other for fifty-nine years. In 1928, through an advertisement in a Chicago paper, they got in communication with each other and managed to meet -- each was to wear a red bandanna as identification. But when they met, the younger brother declared that he would have recognized his brother without the help of the handkerchief.

Some have wondered about recognizing their loved ones in the resurrection. We need not worry about that. Our Lord was recognized after His resurrection, and we will be like Him, for --

We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.
And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

1 John 3 : 2, 3.

Again and again and again, the resurrection is promised to God's people, and to them it is a blessed hope.

Three hundred years ago, Shah Jehan, the Great Mogul of India, used to sit with Mumtaz-i-Mahal, his beloved wife, in a lovely garden at Agra and tell her of his love. He promised to build her a palace of such beauty that men and women would come from the ends of the earth to gaze upon it — and he kept his word. Twenty thousand men worked for nearly twenty years to build it; a fabulous fortune was spent; nothing like it was ever seen on earth before. "A dream in marble," the famous Taj Mahal is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. But before it was completed the beautiful Mumtaz descended for the eighth time into the valley of motherhood.
This time death claimed her, and as the sorrowing husband and lover sat beside her body, he cried, "O my beautiful Mumtaz, you shall have your palace, but now it must be your tomb." And today the two lovers sleep side by side under the moonlight of three hundred years.

The great Lover of the ages has said to you and to me, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Jeremiah 31:3. And He has gone to prepare a place for us — a palace never built with hands, nor hoary with the years of time.

The Taj Mahal required about twenty years to build; God's palace of eternal love was in His plan and promise from of old, from everlasting. The Taj cost the fortune of an eastern prince; God's palace of love will display the treasures of unending ages in the light of endless day. The Taj is today a tomb; God's palace of love will be the dwelling place of life forever more, for —
God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.


Just now, accept Christ as your Lord and Saviour. Repent and be converted and obey the gospel, and you will be among the blessed and holy who will have part in the first resurrection. "On such the second death hath no power" (Revelation 20:6), for their lives will be hid with Christ in God, and —

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Colossians 3:4.

May this be your happy experience — and mine — so that, whether we wake or sleep, we may live together with Him. (1 Thessalonians 5:10.)
"Jesus is Coming Again." 45 Sec.

From Los Angeles, California, we present the program of the Voice of Prophecy - a voice crying in the wilderness of these latter days: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

We invite you to listen to our broadcast today, and share with us the mutual blessing and inspiration of this hour together.

"The Old Rugged Cross" (2 st.) 2 Min. 5 Sec.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

We pray thee to strengthen the hands of those men of good will who seek to end the tempest of war in a peace of security and freedom, and deliver the world from the terrors that possess it today.

Bless the technicians and all who help to put this broadcast on the air to bless humanity. May it bring new courage and hope to those in every land who hear it, we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord: AMEN.
Greetings to our radio friends — every one and everywhere:

I hold in my hands two thrilling letters from two of our boys over-seas. The first is from an infantryman with the Fifth Army in Western Europe. He writes:

"For sometime we have been in combat on this battle front. It is winter, icy and cold, and the enemy is firmly entrenched, tricky, and has disregarded all international laws of warfare. Your prayers will be fully appreciated. Thank you for the pamphlet you sent. Please forward any current reading material you may have. It will be appreciated. Yours for victory."

Radio audience, you will pray for this boy, won't you? The Voice of Prophecy has regular correspondence with thousands of men and women in uniform. Great mail bags full of sermons and Bible lessons are mailed out from our radio offices every week, but these boys need your prayers too.
A sergeant in a bomber crew wrote to us this month in reply to one of our recent letters to him: "Our plane was shot down while participating in a bombing raid over Romania. All of our crew members bailed out to safety. I was a prisoner of war for two months. When the Russians came through Bucharest, Romania, we were freed and taken back to our base in southern Italy. The hand of the Lord was surely with us." Then he concludes, "I sincerely hope you will continue your gospel broadcasting. I think that radio is the key by which the Word of God can go to the most people in the least time."

Well, he is right, and we know you will be praying for the Voice of Prophecy broadcast and for all of our boys over there. Pray that the Bible lessons and the printed sermons will reach them safely. According to Bible prophecy, it will not be too long now until wars will cease upon the earth and Christ will come, and then there will be no more bloodshed, cold and hunger, no more separation, but let us pause a moment and listen to the message of this song -

"Where the Gates Swing Outward Never" (2 st.) 1 M. 50¢.
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Talk: PROPHECIES OF THE RESURRECTION

"Christ Arose" (2 st.) 1 Min. 40 Sec.

"When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way" (2 st.) 1 Min. 45 Sec.

There are millions today who are running the last mile of the way, "pressing on to the end of life's road." Some day you'll come to your last mile. How will it be with you then, friend? When Paul faced a martyr's death at Rome he wrote to Timothy: "The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He had been walking with God right along and when he came to the last mile he looked beyond the grave to the glorious appearing of Christ and the resurrection morning and he exclaimed in triumph, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." Listen, there is a crown laid up for you, too. For all who love His appearing there lies ahead a glorious resurrection to immortality and life eternal.

So be true to God, friend, till the end of the last weary mile.
Our hope of eternal life is built upon the miracle of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. There has been, no doubt, a great interest in today's national radio lecture, "Prophecy of the Resurrection." Thousands of multilithed copies, without one word or sentence of the sermon deleted, are available without charge at our Los Angeles radio headquarters. Our mailing address is The Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, California. And when you write, be sure to request the free radio sermon - "Prophecies of the Resurrection."

Jesus - yes - so much has been said and written about Jesus! Jesus - the youth Messiah, the thirty-three year old Redeemer and Saviour of the world! The Son of God was a young man at the time of His death - only 33 - think of it! Would to God that more boys and girls, young men and women, were like Him. Today we announce a great revival plan to save the youth of the world for God. Juniors, young people, parents, teachers, students - listen!
The world's largest free Junior Bible Correspondence Course is operated by the Voice of Prophecy as a free public service to the young people of the world. Over 42,000 have already enrolled. There is room in our radio classes for another 18,000 students. The course of twenty-four free Bible lessons, printed in twelve different colors and illustrated with nearly one hundred beautiful pictures, is the only one of its type in the world.

The Bible becomes a new, thrilling book to the youthful student. I heartily recommend the Junior Bible Correspondence Course to the youth of the world. How better could a revival come to our nation and to our families than to bring the Bible to our children?

So enroll today. I hold in my hand near the microphone a beautiful blue graduation certificate with a gold seal and a colorful graduation pin. We want you to win one of these, juniors. All you have to do now is to mail your name and address with these words, "Please enroll me in your Junior Bible Correspondence Course," to the Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, California. In a few days you'll be getting your first lessons in a special envelope addressed to you personally.
It does our hearts good to hear from the Juniors and so we'll be looking for your letter right away.

Have you ever read the Bible through, searching for its questions? Not man's questions to God, but God's questions to man? Oh, how the Lord can make the sinner tremble and awaken a need for God. There are twelve great questions in the Bible like that and J. L. Tucker, popular radio evangelist and author of Berkeley, California, has prepared a book on that subject, "God's Great Questions." For the first time we announce it as our latest book-for-the-month. You will want a copy. Our address is The Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, California. Be sure to write, won't you? And pray, too. Ask that God will save every member of our great radio family. God bless you now. Keep looking up and remember our motto — Forward in Faith.
RICHARDS:

Have faith in God - Though fields are brown;
Have faith in God - and smile, don't frown;
Have faith in God - Look up - not down.
Have faith, dear friend, in God.

And join us again next week - at this same time -
over these same stations, when the subject will be
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace."


AMEN.
CHRIST AROSE

I

Low in the grave He lay -
Jesus, my Saviour!
Waiting the coming day -
Jesus, my Lord!

Chorus

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign:
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

II

Vainly they watch His bed -
Jesus, my Saviour!
Vainly they seal the dead -
Jesus, my Lord!

III

Death cannot keep his prey -
Jesus, my Saviour!
He tore the bars away -
Jesus, my Lord!
WHEN I'VE GONE THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY

I

Sometimes when I'm weary and longing for rest,
From the troubles that fret me each day,
I'm made oh, so happy to know I'll be blest,
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Chorus

When I've gone the last mile of the way,
And the darkness has turned into day;
I'll be happy with Jesus for aye,
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

II

My Saviour has gone to prepare me a place,
In the land of an unending day;
With joy I'll possess it thru wonderful grace,
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

III

There'll be no dark night in that city so fair,
And my joy will continue for aye;
Sweet songs of the angels will rise on the air,
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

IV

I'll keep pressing on to the end of life's road,
Serving Jesus and winning His smile;
And then I shall rest when I've laid down my load,
At the end of the last weary mile.