

God Restores Life

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Isaiah 26:12-21

Isaiah's resurrection metaphor may not be limited to a physical resurrection of the human body. Perhaps a more appropriate metaphor would be more like the renewal of dry vegetation when even the slightest drizzle of rain refreshes it: "your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead" (v. 19b). If this is so, what does this resurrection metaphor say to God's people?

Challenge to Holy Living

Resurrection implies newness of life—restoration from a dead or lifeless state. Apparently God's people had become lifeless—perhaps because of their own spiritual negligence, perhaps because the relentless attacks of their enemies. In their despair they cried to the Lord for help. And from their pit of depression, either from their willful or unwitting disobedience, God promised them restoration if they would indeed revive and reactivate their trust in Him. This was a resurrection—a spiritual renewal.

Emotional resurrection is available to every child of God.

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