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The First Funeral

Genesis 23

Genesis 23:1–2

Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.



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1. A Sad Funeral



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Hebrews 11:13
These all died in faith...



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Hebrews 11:16

...they desire a better country,
that is, a heavenly one...

In The Sweet By & By

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.



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In The Sweet By & By

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blessed;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.



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Philippians 1:23

I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to **depart and be with Christ**, for that is far better.



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P.S. Sure is hot down here!



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3. A Statement Funeral





Genesis 23:3–4

And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, “I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; **give me property among you for a burying place,** that I may bury my dead out of my sight.”

Genesis 23:16

Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, **four hundred shekels of silver**, according to the weights current among the merchants.

2 Samuel 24:24–25

So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for **fifty shekels of silver**. And David built there an altar to the LORD ...

Genesis 23:10

Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham **in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city,**

Genesis 23:17–18

So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, was **made over to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at the gate of his city.**

Abraham is making a statement of faith-



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**That he believes God will fulfill His promise of giving
him (& his descendants) the land of Canaan**

Genesis 17:8

And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.

Genesis 25:9

Isaac and Ishmael his sons **buried him (Abraham) in the cave of Machpelah**, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre,

Genesis 49:29

Then he commanded them and said to them, “I am to be gathered to my people; **bury me (Jacob) with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,**

Genesis 49:31–32

There they **buried Abraham and Sarah** his wife. There they buried **Isaac and Rebekah** his wife, and there I buried **Leah**—the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites.”

Genesis 50:24–25

And **Joseph** said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and **bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham**, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and **you shall carry up my bones from here.**”



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Hebrews 11:22

By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and **gave directions concerning his bones**.



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A Message of Faith



1 Corinthians 6:1

**When one of you has a grievance against another,
does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead
of the saints?**



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1 Corinthians 6:7

To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. **Why not rather suffer wrong?**
Why not rather be defrauded?



1 Peter 3:1–2

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.



shine
as lights in the world

PHILIPPIANS 2.15

Philippians 2:14–15

Do all things **without grumbling or disputing**, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you **shine as lights** in the world,



Leviticus 19:28

You shall not make any cuts on your body for the dead
or **tattoo yourselves**: I am the LORD.







Deuteronomy 6:7

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



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This story of a death & a funeral,
is really a story of faith & life.