THE POWER ABOVE BIOLOGY

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Topic:

The Power Above Biology

Text: John 11:17–27

Prayer

Our Father who made the heaven and earth, we adore Your holy name. We thank You for all You have done in our lives and in the life of our families today. Accept our thanks in Jesus' name. As we want to study Your Word tonight, Lord, help us with wisdom and understanding of Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Introduction

There are moments in life when situations decay beyond human explanation, when hope seems buried and the stench of impossibility fills the air. It is in such moments that faith is tested, not in theory but in reality. Yet the grave is not the end where Jesus stands. When the Resurrection and the Life is present, death loses its finality, shame loses its voice, and what seemed irreversible becomes a platform for glory. This leads us into today's study. Let us read with open minds as the Lord speaks to us through His Spirit.

Bible Text:John 11:17–27 (KJV)

[17] Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.
[18] Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:
[19] And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.
[20] Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.
[21] Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

[22] But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.
[23] Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.
[24] Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
[25] Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
[26] And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?
[27] She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Study

We must have studied biology in school, but let me remind us of what it is as we continue. Biology is the branch of science that studies life and living things. It deals with how living organisms function, grow, reproduce, interact, and eventually die. Biology looks at the structure of the body—cells, organs, tissues, and systems—and explains life processes through natural laws and observable facts. For example, biologically speaking, when a person dies, the body begins to decompose after some time. That process can be studied, explained, and predicted scientifically.

However, biology explains life from a natural perspective, while faith understands that God, who created life, is above biological limitations. One of the most difficult things to express is faith in the midst of despair or hopelessness. That was the situation Mary and Martha found themselves in when Lazarus, their brother, died. There is something touching and encouraging about Martha which we must learn from. She did not only see the problem before them; she saw a greater power that could change the situation for good. This proves that while she had been walking with the Lord Jesus Christ, she had been paying attention to what He was capable of doing. Yet at some point, her

human nature struggled, because naturally it is hard to believe that a man dead for four days would come back to life. When the Lord said to Martha that her brother would rise again, she connected it to the resurrection on the last day. **John 11:23–26 (KJV)** "Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

The Lord made it clear that He Himself is the resurrection and the life. That is why Lazarus could not remain dead. The Lord said whoever lives and believes in Him shall never die. Spiritually, when we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are moved from death to life. We become partakers of God's life through His Son. Since God does not die, we cannot die eternally. Physical death is not the end for a child of God.

This aligns with what Apostle Paul wrote:

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 (KJV)
"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."

When the Lord reached the tomb, something supernatural was about to happen.

John 11:39–40 (KJV)
"Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto

thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"

Biologically speaking, by four days Lazarus would have started decomposing. The stench would have been strong. But while Jesus spoke of power, Martha spoke biologically. Many of us do the same today. We speak more of what science says than what the Word of God says. We think about the stench instead of the power of God. The stench Martha mentioned represents impossibility, hopelessness, ridicule, and difficult situations.

If you are following, declare:
I wipe off all negative stench from my life with the blood of Jesus Christ.

There are two categories we can see here:

A. Those in Mary and Martha's category

1. Those who feel hopeless when faced with challenges, even when they have Christ.

Psalm 131:3 (KJV)
"Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and for ever."

2. Those who forget God's past mighty deeds.

Psalm 77:11–12 (KJV)
"I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings."

B. Those in Lazarus' category

1. Those emitting spiritual stench—living in sin and spiritual death.

1 Timothy 5:6 (KJV)
"But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."

2. Those living in constant shame.

Psalm 22:5 (KJV)
"They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded."

When Lazarus came alive, he was loosed and the stench stopped. That is what happens when a person gives their life to Christ. The shame is removed, and restoration begins. If you are in a difficult situation, call upon Him. If you are spiritually dead, go humbly before Him and ask for mercy.

1 John 1:9 (KJV)
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Let your faith in the Lord be strong. Always know that all power belongs to Jesus Christ. Amen.

This is where we end this teaching. A lovely day to you all.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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