

Funerals and Burials

There are a number of funerals and burials recorded in the Bible which should get us to think about our own death one day. How we are living today will determine what can or cannot be said at our own funeral and burial.

- Abraham buried Sarah and wept over the body of his beloved wife (Genesis 23:2).
- Joseph was buried by his sons in Egypt, but his descendants carried his bones to Hebron because Joseph believed in God (Gen. 50:25).
- All Israel gathered to bury Samuel at Ramah because he was a beloved prophet of God (1 Samuel 25:1).
- Jesus wept at the burial of Lazarus because he loved him (John 11:35).
- Dorcas died and the people wept and showed what she had made for others (Acts 9:39).
- What will be said and done at your funeral and burial? Will it be said that you died a faithful Christian? Will you have any good to show for your life (Hebrews 9:27)?

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- Scripture of the Week -

"for you were bought with a price; glorify God therefore in your body"
- 1 Corinthians 6:20 -

Our body is given us by God and we should use it to his glory. Let us use our mouths to speak his truth, our hands to help his people, our feet to go worship his name, and our ears to hear his word.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The Bible: God's Owner's Manual

Many designers and manufacturers provide an owner's manual with their products. Cars, ovens, computers, TVs, cellphones, etc., all come with owner's manuals telling you how to operate your product. Manufacturers provide owner's manuals for the fullest, safest, and most proper use of their product. But, the owner's manual is often ignored or lost.

In the same way God has given mankind an owner's manual. Mankind has been made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) and has been given an "owner's manual" from God – the Bible (Psalm 19:7ff; 119:1ff) - on how to live. When this owner's manual - the Bible - is ignored, the individual, the city, and the nation will soon fall (Proverbs 11:11; 14:34). Let's consider how God's owner's manual - the Bible - is like a car owner's manual.

The car owner's manual is designed to show the features and controls of the car. In the same, the Bible shows us how to act (Proverbs 4:23; Acts 24:25; Galatians 5:23; 2 Peter 1:6).

The car owner's manual describes how to maintain the car's cleanliness for better service and performance. In the same way, the Bible describes how

to live a spiritually clean life (2 Corinthians 7:1; Hebrews 9:14; James 4:8; 1 John 1:9).

The car owner's manual provides a list of pre-driving checks and adjustments to make before driving. In the same way, the Bible provides a list of what you need to check regularly (1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 6:4).

The car owner's manual encourages cautions to be careful in driving. In the same way, the Bible gives cautions for living and avoiding sin and error (1 Thessalonians 5:22; 1 Peter 2:11).

The car owner's manual identifies the warning systems of the car. In the same way, the Bible identifies the signs of falling away (Psalm 119:105; 1 Corinthians 10:12; 1 Timothy 4:16; Hebrews 2:1; 3:12).

The car owner's manual describes the restraint system - the seat belts. In the same way, the Bible describes how we need to live restrained lives (1 Samuel 3:13; Proverbs 29:15).

The car owner's manual outlines general maintenance of the car. In the same way, the Bible outlines how to maintain our relationship with God (1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Peter 1:5ff; Titus 3:8,14; 2 John 8).

The car owner's manual explains defensive driving techniques. In the same way, the Bible explains how to guard against the Devil (2 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 6:11; 2 Peter 2:1ff).

The car owner's manual encourages good appearance and care of the car. In the same way, the Bible encourages a Christian life that looks good in example to others (Matthew 5:14-16; Titus 2:10; 1 Peter 2:12).

The car owner's manual outlines steps to take in case of an emergency. In the same way, the Bible outlines what to do when you are having troubles and problems in life (Philippians 4:19; 1 Peter 5:7; Hebrews 4:16).

Friends, following God's owner's manual - the Bible - will provide for a smooth operation in your life (1 Peter 3:10-12). A Bible is easy to obtain and easy to read. Why not spend some time with it today?

On the other hand, ignoring God's owner's manual - the Bible - will have serious and eternal consequences (Revelation 20:12-15). Don't ignore it. Listen to it today!

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