

Great divisions have occurred in Christendom because of people taking one or two or three verses ~~and~~ out of context or taking an argument about the meaning of a particular word and making divisions among Christians over it. The Lord wants us to study the Word and stand on its emphasis and stand for what is there.

"And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the Lord came unto the prophet that brought him back:" -- you see he was a true prophet. Sometimes people have a question whether this man was a true prophet. He was. God used him. God spoke to him. God used him in the past, but he allowed his desire for fellowship to lead him to making what he thought was a little white lie and it meant death to the man of God..

"And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord, and hast not kept the commandment which the Lord thy God commanded thee, but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of which the Lord did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers."

I don't know if the old prophet knew precisely ~~th~~ what that meant. "Thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers." He did not perhaps know how soon he would be killed. But at least he knew that the man would not get back to ~~his~~ friends, back to his associates, back in Judah and live ~~out~~ the rest of his life. He knew that God said his carcase would not come to the sepulchre of his fathers. I rather like this -- thy carcase shall not come. We talk about burying a person. You don't buy a person. You bury the house he lived in. You bury the physical and chemical materials that God lent him for a few years. We're grateful for having this marvelous body, this instrument of creation God has provided for us, lent to us for a ~~XXXX~~ few years. But when we are through with it, it's not a body it is a carcase. That's not the person. That is merely the house he lived in for a short time.

I know when I have a car and it gets old, it gets to where it will hardly go anymore and I have to get rid of it, I hate to get rid of it. I get attached to that old car. I'd rather have it than a new one. But the time comes I have to get rid of it. And God has given us these wonderful bodies, wonderful instruments for having contact with other people, contact with the world, knowing what is going on about us in this world. But when He gets through with it He has what is far better afterward.

So he says here, Your carcase will not come to the sepulchre of your fathers. And after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, he saddled for him the ass and the man went and a lion met him by the way, and the lion killed him, and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it and the lion also stood by the carcase. Here was a strange thing. I have seen donkeys in the mountains where a mountain