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You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

Dear Listener,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You wanted to know if any of the verses in 1 Corinthians 15:35-55 describe an earthly resurrection. If the answer is yes, you asked for the specific scriptures with an explanation as to how they apply.

The fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians is divided into three parts. Verses 1-11 are about Jesus' resurrection. Verses 12-34 address the resurrection of the church and the world of humankind in general. "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ will all be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him." (Verses 22-23) The verses also speak of Christ's reign during the Millennial Age. "For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death." (Verses 25-26)

In verses 35-55, to which you refer, the Apostle Paul compares various kinds of bodies, such as animal, human and celestial, etc. and how they differ in splendor (Verses 35-41). We note in Verse 40 that there is an allusion to the earthly and spiritual resurrections. "There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another." However, the main theme of this section of scripture pertains to the resurrection of the heavenly class. "For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality." (Verses 52-53) These scriptures are meant to be an encouragement to the brethren at Corinth as they are directed to stand firm in their faith and battle sin in order to reap the reward of the first resurrection (the heavenly one). Paul concludes by saying in verse 58, "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

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