

Funerals and Eulogies

Why the Study?

- **Please God in all things**
- **Avoid pagan or Catholic traditions**
- **Follow the example and principles of scripture**
- **Maximize the glory of God in all we do**
- **Provide best witness and conviction of gospel truth**

Is There a Problem?

- **Paganism and Catholicism corrupt many things**
- **For example, we have had to reject many holidays**
- **For example, they turn marriage into holy matrimony**
- **Also, they turn the Lord's Prayer into rote praying**
- **Also, they justify and promote burning of the dead**

Getting Mommy Ready for the Oven



The Oven Is Beside the Fridge



Put Mommy in the Oven



Make Sure the Oven Is Very Hot!



Now Mommy Looks Like This!

AFTER CREMATION-
REMOVING THE CREMATED REMAINS



It Looks Too Much Like Mommy



So Let's Grind Her Down to Powder



Now You Can Put Mommy in a Box



Or Even Your 12-Year-Old Friend



Who Started this Profane Practice?

- **Hindus in the dark, dark nation of India**
- **They think they are helping the spirit leave the body**
- **They want the spirit to go far away to the Great Spirit**
- **It is usually done outside – the oldest son lights it!**
- **But they do bury the holy men of Hinduism! 😊**

They Put Their Mommies on Wood



And Brother Gets to Light the Fire



He Plays Until Mommy Is All Gone



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- **Your body is not yours – it is owned by your Creator**
- **Your body is not yours – it was bought by your Savior**
- **Therefore you are to glorify Jehovah God with it**
- **Burial was very important throughout the Bible**
- **Even if burial was difficult – they did whatever it took**

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Do you want to know more about cremation?

<http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/heresies/cremation.htm>

But We Need to Study Closer

- **What about funerals?**
- **What about eulogies?**
- **What about mourning and weeping?**
- **What about mausoleums?**
- **What about organ donations? ... blood transfusions?**
- **Is the body the temple of the Holy Ghost?**

Just Like We Study Weddings

- **We reject the Catholic sacrament of holy matrimony**
- **There is no priest or pastor necessary for a wedding**
- **We emphasize the parents and the celebration**
- **We emphasize the covenant, for the Bible tells us so**
- **We have a detailed study of Bible wedding features**

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What About Mourning & Weeping?

- **Is mourning a pagan custom of hopeless religion?**
- **Is crying and weeping a sign of weak faith?**
- **Do both show too much human affection?**
- **Should we stoically put on a dry face and be tough?**
- **Should we sing songs of joy for departed in heaven?**

Example of Abraham for Sarah

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Was Abraham mourning and weeping for Sarah?

Did he come and do this before a dead corpse?

Was he the friend of God and walked with God?

Is he one of the great examples of faith in the Bible?

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Was Abraham in some low position of mourning?

Did he make formal arrangements for a proper burial.

Would it have been easier and cheaper to cremate her?

Did Abraham know Sarah was in heaven? Why mourn?

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Esau knew Isaac's death had to have days of mourning. So there was clearly a tradition in place for mourning. These were the patriarchs – were they weak in faith? Conduct during the days of mourning was altered.

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**Altering your clothes was part of mourning tradition?
The “always white” rule of Solomon must not apply!
Jacob knew Joseph was in heaven – why did he mourn?
Why did Jacob bawl and weep inconsolably?**

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**So Jacob got more involved than just an hour of crying?
Though he knew his most godly son was in heaven?
Jacob had had a rough life, and Joseph was dear to him.
We do not presume a lack of hope ... just lots of love!**

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Did Jacob hug and kiss Joseph back?

No, he was a dead corpse!

Joseph returned the kind of love his father had for him.

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He did not cremate him or do anything pagan to him. Embalming retards decomposition – it is not religious. Joseph was later embalmed for a similar trip to Canaan.

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Jacob was mourned for 70 days in Egypt before the trip. Joseph made a great and sore lamentation for 7 more! The funeral procession was huge and attention-getting. Jacob's sons buried their father in the family cemetery.

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Thirty days! Had they no faith? This generation of faith? How do you weep for 30 days? Accidental? Intentional? Why didn't Joshua stop the people from such excess?

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Was Moses an exception due to his greatness?

The whole nation mourned for thirty days!

When did you last mourn thirty days for anyone?

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So ... clothes have something to do with mourning?

And ... it was done before a dead body of a person?

Was David low in faith ... or the man after God's heart?

Was David emotional since Abner was a close relative?

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**David followed the bier ... a funeral procession? Amen!
A funeral procession to the cemetery for the burial?
A graveside service with David bawling like a baby?
Did David have faith in God's election to sort things out?**

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David would have rejected pagan mourning tradition.

Observe that mourning involves mourning apparel.

Funeral tradition is black or dark conservative clothes.

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What About Eulogies?

- **A eulogy is a speech or writing in commendation of the character or services of a person that has died.**
- **Some think praising good men is foolish or sinful.**
- **In spite of much Bible evidence for praise (Rom 16).**
- **What about praising the virtues of a dead person?**
- **Hate both ditches on all topics – we want God's balance.**

David's Eulogy of Saul

- **It is long, filled with praise, and only positive.**
- **Saul was not that great of a man, but he was the king.**
- **David had exceptional graciousness and loyalty.**
- **Saul had tried to kill David on numerous occasions.**
- **David knew God had replaced Saul with himself.**
- **It is found in II Samuel 1:17-27.**

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- **God obviously loved David and was merciful to him.**
- **Why?**
- **Why was one man so preferred above other men?**
- **Why did God like David above all his brethren?**
- **Because he loved grace and mercy to others!**

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**Who gave this particular eulogy? I need two names.
The Holy Spirit of God and Luke!**

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Here the widows are eulogizing Tabitha to Simon Peter. Peter did not correct, rebuke, or warn. He raised her!

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Being a prophet, and now being aged, Paul was to die. You can only talk like Paul if you have lived like Paul.

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“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (II Tim 4:6-8).

Paul stated good fighting, a finished course, and faith. But it was not only Paul ... for the Holy Spirit inspired it. You can only talk like Paul if you have lived like Paul.

Why the Study?

- **Please God in all things**
- **Avoid pagan or Catholic traditions**
- **Follow the example and principles of scripture**
- **Maximize the glory of God in all we do**
- **Provide best witness and conviction of gospel truth**

We Have a Funeral and Burial Soon

- **Eva Marie Crosby was a good wife, mother, member**
- **Her works have preceded her, and she is in heaven**
- **Her family has made choices of liberty to honor her**
- **Are you committed, as for Bruce, to honor the dead?**
- **Funerals, burials, mourning, eulogies are scriptural.**
- **The details of doing them are family liberties.**