

The Mystery of the Resurrection

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment” (John 5:28-29). St. Paul said, “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:41-42).

Supporting Scriptural Words Concerning the Resurrection

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:40). “Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence” (2 Corinthians 4:14). “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first,” (1 Thessalonians 4:16). “Having a hope in God which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust” (Acts 24:15). The resurrection of those already raised in Scripture is evidence of our resurrection.

Elijah raised one child (1 Kings 17:21-22), Elisha raised the son of the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:35), and a dead man was raised on touching the bones of Elisha (2 Kings 13:21). A ruler's daughter was raised by the Lord (Matthew 9:25). The dead who were raised on

the crucifixion day of the Lord (Matthew 27:52). The son of a widow at Nain was raised by the Lord (Luke 7:15). The raising of Lazarus at Bethany by the Lord (John 11:43-44).

Dorcas was raised by Peter (Acts 9:40).

The bodily living (life) of Enoch and Elijah is one indication of our resurrected eternal life. But our fundamental understanding of our raising is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Ammonius and Eusebius stated in the introduction of the Gospel, “He is risen so as to teach the resurrection of our bodies.”

Based on the above teachings, the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church offers belief and worships the High God who creates and rules. In this teaching, our church is in accordance with the ancient churches; such as the Alexandrian, Syrian, Armenian, and Indian Orthodox Churches.