

God's Word on Cremation

- 1) Historically we know that cremation was and is a practice of non-Christian nations and non-Christian religionists and pagans (Buddhists and Hindus and others). It is just in the last 20 years or so that Cremation has become a popular option in the US and mostly for financial reasons.
- 2) Nowhere in Scripture is cremation commanded. It is also true there is no explicit prohibition of it in Scripture.
However, we do know (from Scripture) that God's people always practiced burying people's bodies. (Genesis 25:8-10; 35:19-20; 35:29; Matthew 14:10-12; Acts 5:5-10)
- 3) God Himself buried Moses to keep his body from being found. It would have been just as easy and convenient for God to have cremated his body. (Deuteronomy 34:5-6)
- 4) Consider these Scriptures that mention or allude to Cremation.
You will notice that it is always the result of God's judgment because of gross sin that is abominable or the activities of pagan persons or pagan worship that Cremation is identified with. (Genesis 19:24-29a; Leviticus 10:1-2, Numbers 16:35; Amos 2:1)
- 5) There is no Scripture that speaks of Divine punishment for cremating a person.
- 6) Maybe a better question to to ask and answer is not which form of processing our final remains is cheapest or most convenient for us or others, but rather: ***What are the principles and precedent of Scripture?*** or, ***Which would be most glorifying to God?*** (I Corinthians 6:19,20 & 10:31).

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