

# The Voice of the Dead

by John Henry Jowett

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*The sermon explores the idea that our faith, character, and dominant dispositions continue to speak and affect others even after we are gone.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 22:1, Ecclesiastes 7:1, Matthew 26:14, Acts 9:36, Hebrews 11:4

**Topics:** "Legacy Of Faith", "Eternal Impact"

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## Description

John Henry Jowett emphasizes the lasting impact of our lives even after we are gone, highlighting how our actions, whether good or evil, continue to speak and influence others. He delves into the concept that our faith, avarice, pride, and overall character persist beyond our physical existence, shaping the lives of those around us. Jowett challenges the audience to consider what part of them will remain alive and what forces they will leave behind for future generations.

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## Transcript

HEBREWS xi. 1-6.

With what voice shall we speak when we are dead? What will men hear when they turn their thoughts toward us? What part of us will remain alive, singing or jarring in men's remembrance? It is the biggest part of us that retains its voice. In some it is wealth, in others it is goodness; some go on speaking in their cruelty, others in their gentleness. Cain still speaks in his jealous passion. Abel speaks in his faith. Dorcas speaks in her "good works and alms-deeds which she did"; Judas Iscariot speaks in his betrayal. Yes, something goes on speaking. What shall it be? But these biggest things not only continue to speak in the ears of memory, they persist as actual forces in the common life of men. Our faith is not buried with our bones, nor is our avarice or pride. Our characters do not

die when our hearts cease to beat. "The evil that men do lives after them," and so does the good. But deeper than our deeds, our dominant dispositions persist and mingle as friends or enemies in the lives of others. By them we, being dead, still speak, and we speak in subtle forces which aid or hinder other pilgrims who are fighting their way to God and heaven.

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