

LESSON 8 October 5, 2024

Connect timeless truths with today's news.

NO MORE DIABETES?

This month, *Cell*, a peer-reviewed medical journal, published the results of a breakthrough study in the treatment of type 1 diabetes. The subject was a twenty-five-year-old woman in China whose diabetes had caused her to receive two liver transplants and a pancreas transplant. Fat cells from her body were removed and chemically induced to become stem cells, which could then be formed into "islet" cells that typically exist in the pancreas for the purpose of producing insulin. The islet cells were injected into her abdomen, and within three months her body was creating insulin at healthy, non-diabetic levels. The results persisted one year after treatment, and the study has been expanded to more patients. Research teams around the world are using this approach and having similar success.

NO MORE DEATH

In today's text, Isaiah praises God's deliverance of his people. In addition to celebrating the Lord's faithfulness in the past, Isaiah looks ahead to what God will do in the future for those who trust in him. The prophet says God will destroy the shroud and veil that is currently covering all people and nations. The Lord will swallow up death and wipe away every tear.

- 1. Who do you know who struggles with diabetes?
- 2. When you hear of a shroud or veil that covers people, what does it make you think of?
- 3. What is one sorrow you would gladly lay aside or leave behind if you could?

Additional Resources

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Contemporary Worship Weekly
Echoes Worship Weekly
Traditional Worship Weekly
Stephen B. Reid, "Commentary on Isaiah 25:1–9"
Dave Coulter, "Commentary on Isaiah 25:1–9"
Bob Utley, "Isaiah 25"