

DEATH COMES FOR EVERY PERSON

Hebrews 9:27

Introduction: The Bible doesn't say how long Adam and Eve had lived before they sinned but when they did sin, God appointed unto mankind to die and death therefore passed upon all the human race. All of us have attended a funeral service and all of us have had someone close to us die. Death is not something any of us look forward to and many people don't want to talk about death. Nevertheless, at some time or other, at some place or other, every one of us is going to die for it has been decreed by God and therefore it will happen.

I. WHAT IS DEATH?

1. Death is the separation of the soul and body.
 - The human body is natural and perishable. The soul is spiritual and therefore eternal. The two will not always remain together here on this earth.
2. Death ends that person's living on this earth.
 - All people live on this earth and will leave here for one of two places designated/prepared as mankind's eternal destination/home.
 - Transferring from this earth to eternity is known as death.

II. DEATH IS APPOINTED BY GOD

1. God has decreed that every human being shall die and God sees to it that every human being keeps this appointment.
2. God does not predestinate a certain day for a particular person to die nor that a person could not die at any other time.
3. Every human being will keep this appointment with death.
 - Sadly, people fail the Lord and some never keep their word to God, but every human being will meet his/her appointment with God.
4. Being unprepared to meet God does not keep back death.
 - As being unprepared to meet God does not keep back death, neither does living righteously and obediently keep back death.
 - When God declared the decree about every human being dying, He designed it for every human being.
 - People cannot pick and choose the time for their appointment with death.

III. DEATH IS CRUEL

1. *Luke 8:52-53*
 - The daughter of the ruler of the synagogue was dead. Her death was no different to other deaths. It brought sorrow, and weeping. All that one can do or say for the bereaved just does not bring comfort.

2. Death is no respecter of persons.
 - The rich and the poor, the high and the low, the educated and the ignorant, all are taken by death.
 - Money will not keep it away.
 - Popularity, influence, importance, age, nothing will keep death from the home.
3. Death has no mercy on a struggling soul.
 - We look upon the pitiful, fading flesh of a person, with sorrow and our sympathy is often so touched that we would give anything possible for the power to drive death away, but death still claims its victim and moves on it's way to another person and then another.

IV. WHEN AND WHERE DOES DEATH WORK?

1. Death is never idle nor does it fear to enter any place, under any condition.
 - The world is its field and the human race is its victims/prey.
2. Death covers land and sea.
 - Nowhere is a person hid from death.
 - No night is too dark and stormy for death to call on a person.
3. Death takes no vacation.
 - People rest from their toil, take vacations and lay aside their work for a period of time, but since God decreed death and sent it forth, death has never rested or been off the job.
4. Death calls upon people at unexpected hours.
 - **Luke 12:16-20**
 - This man was a great farmer and his far produced much, so much that he had no where to store all the produce, but God called him a "fool" and told him that that very night he would die.
 - Many people die about the time they think they are ready to begin to live.

CONCLUSION:

1. The uncertainty of the time that death will call upon any of us makes it important that every person stays ready to meet it.
2. Jesus said to His disciples: ***"...Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go, I will come again, and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also...."***
3. Death is certain for every human being. Not everybody will be ready to stand before God when death comes for them. ARE YOU READY?