

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT NOW

Job 31:4 **Romans 14:11, 12**

Introduction: Nobody likes to think about death but everybody knows very well that it is certain and sooner or later it will happen to them. Thoughts of suddenly being standing before God to give an account of one's life ought to cause one to give some serious thoughts now to that certainty. Having a good conscience concerning others and one's own self can bring peace and that kind of peace is based on man's standards. However, to have peace with God it is based on God's standards, not man's.

I. EVERYONE SHALL STAND BEFORE GOD AND GIVE AN ACCOUNT

1. First of all every one is accountable to God.
 - God is impartial
 - Everyone is treated the same.
 - God sees everything: social life, family life, religious life, and the secret life.
 - What would God say about your life up to this moment?

2. Then there will be nothing about your life overlooked.
 - More attention is given to the "great" sins than to the "less" great ones.
 - Never think about God being concerned with the day to day lesser sins.
 - Nobody will have "special" favor before God as with they may have had down here.
 - Every deed will be judged. Every Deed!
 - What would be your answer to God if it were today you were standing before Him?

II. WHAT IF DEATH COMES BEFORE ACCEPTING CHRIST?

1. What can be done when death comes?
 - Will you rush into God's presence with boldness you have had down here?
 - Will you hide and attempt to elude God? Where can you hide?
 - Will you resist and not die? How? That's a silly thought.

2. What will you say?
 - I have kept the "golden rule" as best I could, living a pretty decent life compared to my neighbors?
 - Tell of all the good things you did and brag on how good a life you lived?
 - Try to explain how other things took away all your time and you therefore didn't have any time left for God?
 - A "loving" God would never condemn a good person like you?

III. SOME SERIOUS WARNINGS

1. To those disregarding Godly things or spiritual matters:
 - It is not to another like you that you will one day stand before and answer to.
 - It is to the one you have spent your life ignoring, not giving time to, nor getting ready to meet when death called.

- It is by God's standards, by His laws, you will be judged.
2. To those resting in your religious acts:
 - It won't be your acts of religious deeds that will be examined, but your heart.
 - The standard God will compare you to will be "did you walk as Christ walked?"
 - Any form of "godliness" without your heart being in it leaves you, in God's eyes, without an answer. Just talk and no heart action is all empty.
 3. To those professing to be Christians but are not living as a Christian should:
 - Saying you are a church member is to declare an obligation to Christ.
 - If others who make no pretense of being a Christian will suffer at God's hand, what about those who say they are Christians but don't live as a Christian should?
 - Jesus remarked that there will be many who will say that they did this or that in His name (pretended) when they stand before Him in judgment but His reply will be that He never knew them.
 - If you don't "walk the talk" then there's doubt that you are a Christian.

CONCLUSION:

1. Having "good" answers won't do when you stand before God at judgment.
2. Today is the time you need to get ready for that day when death comes for you and you will stand before almighty God.
3. Doesn't the thought of standing before God someday all by yourself give you cause for concern?