

Prepare to Meet Thy God

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Do you ever wonder what it will be like to die? I know a lot of people don't like to think about death, especially their own, but it is something that we will face one day. The only ones who will not die are the people ready to meet the Lord when he comes back and will be transformed. Still until that day comes the saints of God will die like everyone else. So whether a person likes to think of it or not, it will come. Friend, now is the time to think of it and to prepare to meet your maker.

Amos 4: 12. "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Here God was telling Israel that it was time to get ready to face God. The nation had been turning away from God and had forsaken his commandments. The Lord was going to punish the nation of Israel for their sins and many of the people would face death by famine.

Although God was dealing with Israel in this scripture, what about us and the people of today? People die every day, some young, some older, either by violence, accident, or disease and age. I wonder how many were ready to die when I hear of a plane crash, or some other tragedy.

You see, none of us, has a promise of tomorrow in this life. I have conducted funerals for the very young to the very old.

Today is the day that we need to get ready to meet God. **Hebrews 9:27.** "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." The question that everyone should be asking is, "Am I ready to meet God?" After death there is no time to prepare, for the only time to do this is now, while we live on this earth. A person will be raised in the same spiritual condition in which he died.

There is no excuse to face the Lord unprepared. Could anyone seriously claim that they didn't know about God? The gospel has been preached for two thousand years and is available on radio, TV, internet, as well as in the local churches. Sadly, many folks are self-ignorant because they don't want to think about the things of God. You can ignore God, but he will not go away. He sent his son to die

as the sacrifice for our sins and has made the way of salvation for us. What do we have to do? Believe and obey, just like the old song says. Believe in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God who died for our sins and arose from the dead. Then to obey the commands of the Lord and live for him daily. As Paul said, speaking of the people in general, the gospel is to "the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness." That was true in his day and is still true today.

Many have been deceived by "Science" into thinking that all life came from nothing. Their so called "facts" are laughable in so many instances. Telling themselves that man is the supreme beings in the universe and that there is no God to answer to. What a shock such people will have when they find themselves standing before him in judgment, facing an eternity in hell. And all because of their pride and unbelief.

Romans 14:11-12. "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Think about all of this and make the right choice because it is one the has eternal consequences.

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DAVID HAVING KILLED TWO HUNDRED PHILISTINES IN THE VERY BATTLE IN WHICH KING SAUL HOPED DAVID WOULD BE SLAIN, THE KING HAD TO GIVE MICHAL, HIS DAUGHTER TO DAVID...

...AND DAVID AND MICHAL FIND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THEIR WEDDED BLISS...

AH, MY LOVE, MY DOVE - MY CUP INDEED RUNNETH OVER!

...BUT NOW KING SAUL HAS COME TO HATE THE VERY THOUGHT OF DAVID.

NOW DAVID IS THE HUSBAND OF THE KING'S DAUGHTER...

...AND ALL MY PLANS HAVE GONE AWRY...

...WHAT ELSE IS LEFT BUT THAT DAVID SHALL TAKE THE KINGDOM FROM ME, EVEN AS SAMUEL PROPHESED!

BEHOLD! DAVID RETURNS AGAIN, AND AGAIN VICTORIOUS OVER THE PHILISTINES!

ISRAEL'S HEART GOES OUT TO THEE, DAVID, THOU MOST BELOVED SON OF JESSE!

AND EVEN AS SAUL CONTINUES TO PLOT AND PLAN TO KEEP DAVID FROM THE THRONE, DAVID BUSIES HIMSELF WITH PROTECTING ISRAEL FROM THE PHILISTINES AND DAILY BECOMES MORE AND MORE LOVED AND RESPECTED BY THE PEOPLE - WHILE SAUL BITTERLY TRIES TO STOP THE INEVITABLE. FOR HE HAS NOT LEARNED THAT HUMAN WILL CAN NEVER STAY THE PROGRESS OF GOD'S DIVINE WILL - ALL OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN I SAMUEL CHAP. 18.

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