

YOU DIED LAST NIGHT

Text: Hebrews 9:27

Introduction:

1. "It is appointed unto man once to die." (Our Text)
 2. David said, as he approached his death, "I go the way of all the earth" (1 Kings 2:2).
 3. The world's population is over 6 billion souls. 139 of us die each minute; 8,340 each hour; 200,000 each day.
 4. Since death is coming to each one of us -- except those who are alive when Christ comes again -- and since the Bible says, "*after death the judgment*," it behooves us to think about -- and prepare for -- that approaching hour (Deuteronomy 32:29).
 5. Consider **YOUR "latter end"** -- If you had died last night, where would you be right now and what would you be doing?
- I. First, Since You Died Last Night, Your Eternity Is Sealed.**
- a. "Once To Die, But After This the Judgment."
 - b. Luke 16:25-26 – 'remember'
- II. Therefore, Since You Died Last Night, You Are Either Among The Souls Condemned To Eternal Hell Or Among Those Welcomed Into Eternal Heaven.**
- a. If You Are Among Those Headed For Hell...
 - i. You are in a dark place.
 1. Matthew 8:11,12 – 'outer darkness'
 2. Matthew 22:1-2, 9-13 ("Outer Darkness" is the place farthest from the light, the darkest of all possible dark places. If we turned out the lights in our home at night it would be dark, but our eyes would adjust, because there is still some light, but in that place: no adjusting.)
 - ii. You are in a flaming fire.
 1. Matthew 3:12 - John spoke of "*unquenchable fire*."
 2. Matthew 25:41 - "*everlasting fire prepared for the devil & his angels*" (Never intended for man, but many men will know the torment of the place because of their rebellion against God.)
 3. Revelation 19:20 - "*the lake of fire burning with brimstone*"
 - iii. You are in a place of suffering.
 1. Matthew 8:12 - "*weeping & gnashing of teeth*" (again in 25:30)
 2. Matthew 13:42 - "*wailing & gnashing of teeth*"
 3. Matthew 18:8-9 - Cutting off your hand or foot, or plucking out your own eye, is LESS AGONIZING than the torments of Hell. Would any of you want to start cutting off parts of your own body? How much less, then, would any rational person want to go to Hell!
 4. Matthew 25:46 "*everlasting punishment*"
 - iv. You are in a place of utter loneliness.
 1. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 – 'away from the presence of the Lord'
 - a. You have never been completely separated from God in all

- your life (food, air, water, sun, moon, stars, rain, snow, etc.).
 - b. Can you even imagine how horrible would be such an existence?
 - 2. Some people mock God, and say, "*Hell won't be so bad; all my friends will be there.*"
 - a. God has described people in such torment that they don't care who is around them: they don't have time for, or interest in, friendly conversation, nor can anyone there solve their problems.
 - b. God's description also includes such darkness that those in it can't see anyone who might be near them, anyway.
- b. If You Are Among Those Destined For Heaven...
 - i. You once in your life Obeyed the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:8)
 - ii. You remained true to that gospel all your life (1 John 1:7).
 - iii. You are among those who have rest from their labors (Revelation 14:13).
 - iv. You are among those who will never again know tears, death, sorrow, crying or pain (Revelation 21:4)
 - v. You are among a very large fellowship (Revelation 7:9) with all those "*of like precious faith*" (2 Peter 1:1)

III. **But, Thanks Be To God, You Did Not Die Last Night!**

- a. You are still here today with an opportunity to determine which of those two destinies will be yours.
 - i. You are not among those whose fate is forever sealed.
 - ii. You are still in the land of the living, where you have freedom to choose whether to live right or wrong.
 - iii. You still have opportunity to consider the fact that your decisions and actions today will have an eternal impact on your soul.
- b. You are still here today with an opportunity to hear and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - i. **HEAR** the gospel -- Romans 10:13-14, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.
 - ii. **BELIEVE** that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God ---- John 20:30-31.
 - iii. **REPENT** of your sins -- Luke 13:5.
 - iv. **CONFESS** your faith in Jesus Christ -- Acts 8:37.
 - v. **BE BAPTIZED** in His name for the Forgiveness of your sins -- Acts 8:36, 38 (2:38).
 - vi. Make the commitment to **LIVE FAITHFULLY** all the days of your life -- 1 John 1:7 -- knowing that...

Conclusion:

1. One day you will die and be judged for the life you will have completed - Hebrews 9:27.
2. Therefore... 1 Peter 1:17

3. And sincerely pray with the Psalmist... *Psalm 90:12*