

Romans 6:23

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*Words to Find:
 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

If You Were to Die Tonight

C. H. Spurgeon

A lady once asked Pastor John Wesley, "Suppose that you knew you were to die at twelve o'clock tomorrow night, how would you spend the intervening time?"

"How, madam?" he replied, "why just as I intend to spend it now. I should preach this evening at Gloucester, and again at five tomorrow morning. After that, I

should ride to Tewkesbury, preach in the afternoon, and meet the society in the evening. I should then repair to my friend Martin's house, who expects to entertain me; converse and pray with the family as usual. Then retire to my room at ten o'clock, commend myself to my heavenly Father, lie down to rest, and wake up in glory."

Let us imitate Wesley's calm anticipation of his end.

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A Message from the Grave

C. H. Spurgeon

History tells us of Peter Waldo of Lyons, who was sitting at a banquet as thoughtless and careless as any of the other party-goers. Suddenly, one at the table bowed his head and died. Waldo was startled and could not get the man's unexpected death out of his mind. He went home to seek his God. He searched the Scriptures, got saved and became a great helper, if not the second founder, of the Waldensian church. That Alpine church kept the lamp of the Gospel burning when all around was veiled in a sinful night. A whole church was thus strengthened and perpetuated by the hallowed influence of death upon a single mind.

It is also true that Martin Luther in his younger days, walking with his friend Alexis, saw him struck to the ground by a flash of lightning, and became thenceforward prepared in heart for that deep work of grace through which he learned the doctrine of justification by faith, and rose to

be the liberator of Europe from Papal bondage.

How much every way we owe to this weighty subject of death! Among the earnest and the prayerful, many must realize that the vaults of death have brought them spiritual health. Men have been helped to live by remembering that they must die: yea, some men knew nothing of the highest form of life till death aroused them from their deadly slumbers.



Looking to Death

Dean Millman (1892)

It is little matter at what hour of the day

The righteous fall asleep.

Death cannot come

To him untimely who has learned to die.

The less of this brief life, the more of heaven;

The shorter time here, the longer immortality.

Like Going to Bed

C. H. Spurgeon

The child has to go to bed, but it does not cry if mother is going upstairs with it. It is quite dark: but what of it? The mother's eyes are lamps to the child. The mother's arms are the child's company, and her voice is its music.

O, Lord, when the hour comes for me to go to my eternal "bed", I know that thou wilt take me there, and speak lovingly into my ear. Therefore, I cannot fear, but will, with faith and hope, even look forward to that hour of thy manifested love.

Out of the Scary Dark

Author Unknown

An Alpine traveler and his guide, while crossing a glacier, fell into a crevasse where no human power could rescue them. They came upon a small stream of water that pierced the moun-

You're not afraid of shadows are you?

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." Psalms 23:4-6

tain of ice. They followed it into a dark, cold, and ever-narrowing passage. It finally ended in a roaring sub-glacial river.

To plunge into its gloom and whirl seemed to be a leap into the jaws of death, but there was no other alternative. The guide made the plunge, crying, "Follow me." They were tossed about in the icy waters, and were deafened by its roar. In a few moments they were swept out into the summer air and green vale of Chamouni.

So, Jesus has passed through the sullen stream of death; and with Him we need fear no evil, but shall find ourselves safely conducted to the summer-land beyond.

No Pain! No Infirmities!

C. H. Spurgeon

At Stratford-on-Bow, in the days of Queen Mary, there was once a stake erected for the burning of two martyrs. One of them was a lame man. The other was a blind man. Just when the fire was lit, the lame man hurled away his staff, and turning round, said to the blind man, "Courage, brother! This fire will cure us both."

So can the righteous say of the grave, "Courage, the grave will cure us all. We shall leave our infirmities behind us." What encouragement this should give us to endure all our trials, for they are not of long duration.

The Way to Heaven

One can know for sure that when he leaves this world he can go to heaven. This assurance is not obtained by believing he has done enough good works, religious acts, or just been a "good enough" person to get to heaven. Obtaining the promise of heaven is only obtained by doing what the Bible says one must do to get to heaven. That way is:

Know that one is a sinner!

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

Know Hell is the price-tag for sin!

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:3

Know there is hope!

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8

Know that Jesus' death on the cross is the only payment God will accept for anyone's sin. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

Rom. 10:9

Ask Jesus to be your Saviour today!

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" *I Corinthians 15:54-55*

Death of a Wicked Man

C. H. Spurgeon

I never wish to stand by the deathbed of any who die unsaved, without their having God's promise of an eternity in Heaven. This is a dreadful woe indeed, to be wrapped in the black winding-sheet of guilt from one's sins. I have seen those eyes staring from their sockets. I have seen their throats dried up like a potsherd.

I have heard the cries of one man in death,

whom I visited. He rose from his bed and

shrieked, "God, I will not die, there is no mercy for me." He

begged of us to pray for him, and yet he knew that our prayers were of no avail. "I have had my seasons to be saved," he said, "but I can't repent now. It is too late. I shall die in a short time, and I shall soon be in hell. Water," he begged, "give me water." Again he cried, "O, God, I cannot die, I will not die," and this was a prelude to his departure; for he shortly afterwards expired in desperate agony. Death is indeed a woe to such a man as that.

