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**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 32:48-50  
Isaiah 38:1

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**Isaiah 38:1 KJV** In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

### Introduction

Three weeks ago, as I left work at my usual time for the weekend, I said to one of my fellow workers, "See you on Monday." But at 12:55 am on Sunday morning, my telephone rang. When I answered it, a female voice said, "Dale, this is Brenda. Bob won't be in to work on Monday morning. He just passed away and we're waiting for the coroner to arrive."

I stand before you this morning to tell you ... life is fragile. And we have no guarantee of tomorrow.

### I. Eternity awaits every one of us

**Hebrews 9:27 KJV** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

**James 5:13-14 KJV** Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

A. We have an appointment with death

**Hebrews 9:27 KJV** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

B. Our appointment is unavoidable

C. There are only two possible destinations

1. Heaven

**John 14:1-3 KJV** Let not your heart 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 and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

2. Hell

**Luke 16:23 KJV** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments ....

### II. We must prepare for eternity

**Matthew 25:10 KJV** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in ....

A. There is a cut off date for preparing.

**Revelation 20:12 KJV** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

B. Our preparations are final when we die

**Luke 16:26 KJV** And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

C. If we fail to prepare, God calls us a fool

**Luke 12:20 KJV** But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

### III. How to prepare for eternity

**Romans 10:9-10 KJV** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A. Listen to the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit

B. Confess your sin to Him

C. Ask Him for forgiveness

D. Invite Jesus Christ to be Lord of your life

E. Live a life of obedience to His will and His word

### Conclusion

It is sobering to think of eternity ... to know there is a hell to shun and a heaven to gain. Sometimes it is necessary to take inventory of the condition of our soul. Are you ready? Do you need to prepare?