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**"SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER"**

(Isaiah 38:1 - 9)

**INTRODUCTION**

(Amos 4:12) "... because I will do this to you, **prepare to meet your God**, O Israel"

(Ecclesiastes 9:5) "For the living know that they will die"

(Hebrews 9:27) "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment"

Just as we make preparations for events in life, make preparations for death.

**The word "death" means "separation"** (when there is a death, something separates)

In death, the spirit separates from the body - (Ecc. 12:7) "Then the dust will return to the as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it"

(Luke 23:46) "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit. Having said this, He breathed His last." Then His body was placed in a tomb (v53).

In death, we have separation of earthly ties and reunions.

In death, we have separation from opportunities to prepare for death: (Ecc. 9:10)

**CONSIDER THESE THINGS:**

**1. BREVITY OF LIFE**

(James 4:14) "a vapor" (James 1:10-11) "as a flower of the field"

(1 Peter 1:24) "all flesh is as grass ... as the flower of the grass" also in (Isaiah 40:6-7)

(Job 14:1-2) "is of few days ... like a flower ... flees like a shadow ... does not continue"

(Job 7:6, v8) "my days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle" "as the cloud disappears"

(2 Samuel 14:14) "like spilled water on the ground"

(Psalm 90:10) "70 years ... 80 years ... soon cut off, and we fly away"

**2. DON'T KNOW WHEN LIFE WILL END**

(Proverbs 27:1) "... you do not know what a day may bring forth"

(James 4:13-15) "Come now, ye who say, Today or tomorrow we will ... you do not know what will happen tomorrow ... ought to say, If the Lord wills ..."

(Ecc. 9:12) "For man does not know his time" (Psalm 90:12) "teach us to number our days"

(Luke 12:16-21) "This night your soul will be required of you"

**3. LIFE IS NOT DEFINED BY MATERIAL THINGS**

(Luke 12:15) "... for one's life does not consist of the things he possesses"

(Matthew 6:25) "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

(Matt. 16:26) "For what profit is it to man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?"

(Ecc. 12:13-14) "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all"

(2 Cor. 4:18) "... for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal"

**CLOSE:** Again, the words to the hymn: Prepare To Meet Thy God