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THE BREVITY OF LIFE

(Isaiah 38:1 – 9)

INTRODUCTION - (v1) "Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live."

(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