At Home With The Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8)

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INTRODUCTION

- I've been asked the question what happens to a person when death occurs?
- Request was made for this lesson. And so I want to talk about that briefly this morning.

1 What Happens When Death Occurs?

Luke 16:22–31; James 2:26

- It came about, verse 22, that the poor man died, and he was carried away by the angels.
- And the rich man also died and was buried. And in Hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.
- What happens to a person when death occurs? Nothing pleasant if you are spiritually unprepared. In fact, something horrific occurs.
- According to James chapter 2 and verse 26, the spirit without the body is dead.

2 Today You Shall Be With Me in Paradise

Luke 23:40–43; Luke 19:10; Revelation 2:7

- Jesus, remember me when, not if, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
- But this is the very reason that he came. To seek and to save the lost.
- Today, you shall be with me in paradise.
- To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the paradise of God.

3 All Earthly Concerns Will Be Vanquished

- There is not anything on this earth, no matter how beautiful and picturesque and breathtaking and wonderful to behold, that will match or that will endure like the paradise of God.
- Will you one day be a resident in the paradise of God?
- Everything that plagued and troubled us here in a carnal world of suffering and toil and pain and weariness and evil will be completely vanquished, never to be experienced ever again.

4 Absent From the Body, At Home With the Lord

2 Corinthians 4:17; 2 Corinthians 5:8–11; Hebrews 10:31

- Our momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory. Far beyond all comparison.
- To be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord.

- We're all going to stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in our body, whether those things be good or bad.
- Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. That's what I'm here to do today. To remind you of what's coming. And your need to prepare.
- At the moment that you die and your spirit vacates the body, that pain is done.

5 When Destiny Is Determined, It Is Determined

Luke 16:26–31; 2 Corinthians 5:11

- I think he's emphasizing the horrific results of a life of materialism rather than attempting to explain exactly what the next world will be like.
- The idea of a great gulf fixed is telling us, like Abraham says, when destiny is determined, it is determined.
- Act now. Because there will be no second opportunity when life concludes.
- But it really doesn't matter. Because if you're with the Lord, what else matters?

6 God Is Going to Fix What Sin Has Broken

2 Peter 3:10–13

- God is going to fix what sin has broken. The bodiless spirit will be clothed with immortality.
- A new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Don't think of a physical globe. This is a spiritual realm.
- Our experience of paradise, of glory, of being at home with the Lord will far exceed any of the conceptions we have in our mind of it.
- It will be enough. And it will be enough forever.

THE CHALLENGE

Take it while there's time and opportunity. Be immersed in water, repenting of your sins, confessing the name of Christ, rising to walk in newness of life, that paradise may indeed be yours.

MY NOTES