TIME AND PURPOSE - DEATH

“…and a time to die,” (Eccl 3:2) But we really don’t want to talk about that. I’ve never quite understood why! Every one and every thing dies, eventually. Not only do we die, but we must also face the judgment. (Heb 9:27) Maybe that is the reason we don’t want to talk about dying.

No one knows when the time of death will come or by what means. We have all known those who had an “untimely” death. We believe it is tragic for someone to “die before their time.” What we are really doing is “second-guessing.”

What we all need to realize is that as soon as we are born, each step we take brings us nearer the final end, our death. As surely as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, just that sure at some point in the journey, each life will end. The only exception to that rule is those who will be left at the second coming of Christ. (1 Thess. 4:15)

With death comes sadness and despair to many, while to the Christian, it is a time of triumph, having “fought the good fight” and “finished the course,” he lays down his burdens, the burdens of this life, with it’s pain and suffering, sadness and disappointments, heartache and despair.

To the Christian, death brings a joy never known by man while on this earth. The lack of pain and sorrow, grief and calamity, which he has never known in this sojourn. One can almost understand the cry of the early Christians, “Lord, come quickly.”

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