

# THINGS NO ONE CAN ESCAPE

Heb.9:27,28

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The word **escape** suggests the idea of **fleeing from or avoiding** something.
2. Fortunately there are, of course, many things we can escape, flee from or avoid.
3. On the other hand, there are certain things that all persons face, will experience, that not one of us can escape or avoid.
4. I speak specifically of four things we can not escape or avoid and which are of the utmost importance because they pertain directly to our soul and its destiny with one following the other in order of happening.

## II. DISCUSSION

### A. FIRST, THERE IS PHYSICAL DEATH.

1. According to 1Cor.15:22: "...in Adam all die...". That is, in Adam all **men** die. Cf.
  - a. 1Cor.15:21 which says: "For since by man came death..."
  - b. 1Cor.15:22a that explains: "For as in Adam all die."
  - c. 1Cor.15:45 that says Adam was a man: "The first man Adam was made a living soul..."
  - d. Rom.5:12 which declares: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men..."
    - (1) The context proves this verse is speaking of Adam's transgression in the Garden of Eden.
    - (2) Also of physical death passing upon all men as a consequence of his transgression.
    - (3) See Vv.18,19 as further explanation of V.12, following the parenthetical Vv.13-17.
    - (4) That is the only way any kind of death passed upon all men as a result of a sinful act of Adam!
2. Eccl.5:12 says: "For the living know that they shall die..."
3. Heb.9:27a says: "...it is appointed unto men once to die..." This necessarily implies that we die physically only once; there is no truth to

the doctrine of reincarnation. No other Bible verse is necessary to refute that doctrine!

4. Physical death occurs when the spirit or soul of man departs from or separates from the physical body of man, where the body is said to be dead, but not the spirit, Jas.2:26: “For as the body without the spirit is dead...” Cf. Gen.35:18: “And it came to pass as her soul was in departing (for she died)...”
5. At death the dust (body of man) shall “return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it,” Eccl.12:7.
6. For all who have a conscience that is not seared to truth, death is a sobering thought! All of us must die! But all of us are not prepared! What a sobering thought!
  - a. It has been said the death is an “officer” that can’t be bribed!
  - b. Yes, all of us must die!
7. The time of death we do not know. It’s uncertain. Today? Tomorrow? Next year? Distant future?
8. One thing we do know – we can be – it is possible for us to be – prepared for death and to die the death of the righteous rather than the death of the unrighteous!
  - a. We have a choice as to how we die – prepared or unprepared!

## **B. SECONDLY, THERE IS THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.**

1. Jesus declared it as a fact in Jno.5:28,29; 11:25.
2. Over and over again and again the Apostles of Christ preached the fact of the resurrection of the dead through Jesus Christ, Ac.4:1,2; 17:18,32; 24:15,21; 1Cor.15:12-26,42-44,51-57; Phil.3:11; 1Th.4:13-18; 1Pet.1:3-5.
3. While death is an “officer” that cannot be bribed, we can conquer it through Jesus Christ by means of the gospel of Christ.

## **C. THIRDLY, THE FINAL JUDGMENT.**

1. The Scriptures not only tell us there will be a final judgment, a final day of reckoning, but tells us when it will take place.
2. It will be after death according to Heb.9:27.
3. It will be at the 2<sup>nd</sup> personal coming of Jesus Christ when he shall judge all men, Heb.9:27,28; 2Tim.4:1; Jno.5:22,27-29; Ac.17:30,31; Rom.14:10-12; 2Cor.5:10.
4. Cf. Eccl.12:13,14.

5. The standard by which all shall be judged is declared in Jno.12:48-50.

**D. FOURTHLY, AFTER THE FINAL JUDGMENT WE FACE ETERNITY AND OUR ETERNAL DESTINY.**

1. Prepared or unprepared we cannot escape eternity.
2. But we do have a choice while living in the flesh as to what our eternal existence will be – whether it will be:
  - a. Eternal life in heaven, 1Jno.2:24,25; 1Pet.1:3-5,9; Rom.2:6,7,10; Heb.5:8,9; Jude 21; 1Tim.6:12,17-19.
  - b. Or eternal, everlasting punishment, eternal ruin, in hell, Mt.10:28; 25:31-46; Jno.5:28,29; 2Th.1:6-10.

**III. CONCLUSION**

1. We cannot escape physical death, the resurrection of the body from the dead, the final judgment or eternity.
2. But we can by our own choice – by faith and obedience—gain everlasting life in heaven and escape everlasting punishment in hell.
3. Now is the time; at death our destiny is sealed; there is no second chance after physical death; after death is the judgment and the time of the recompense according to our deeds which in the flesh!
4. What is your decision? How will you respond to the Lord’s invitation while you still have time and opportunity? He says “come”! Will you do it? If not, why not?