

TWO APPOINTMENTS YOU MUST KEEP

Text: *Hebrews 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment:*

Life has its varied appointments. Some of these which we have made ourselves, we love to keep, while others have been made for us by someone else. Some men take their appointments seriously and keep them scrupulously, while others are careless and frequently let them slide.



However, there are two appointments made for men — not by man nor for any of his fellows — but by an Almighty God. These appointments, sooner or later, everyone must keep.

1. AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH



The fact of the first appointment is evidenced in the Death Notice column in our Daily Newspapers. It is not a notice for the calendar, or the diary, but for the heart. Death has had a serious effect on all of us. The death lanes have been crowded with the flower of the world's manhood, many of them suddenly cut off out of the land of the living.

Hold on just one minute as you try to tune me out. You, too, are going that way. Possibly you have already made provision for those for whom you prepared, for the fact itself that you will someday die concerns your own soul. Remember, whatever may be your philosophy of life, you must face the fact of death. It is appointed unto man once to die.

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2. AN APPOINTMENT AT THE JUDGMENT THRONE

How vainly some have tried to believe that death is the end of things for a sinning soul, but God's Word has an entirely different revelation. Death is not the end, and deep down in the heart, no one really believes it to be. Death's door heads somewhere. It leads the sinner to a Great White Throne on



which sits a Sovereign God and Judge.

He has a minute record of life in its smallest details and an absolute knowledge of the inner condition of the heart. That Judge cannot be bought and will not be bluffed. The white light of His awesome Presence will search the soul through and through.

Sinner, there is only one thing that will stand you up in good stead as death's portal is passed, and that is a personal faith in the atoning merits of Jesus Christ. Hear His assuring Word:



John 5:24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He Who heareth My Word, and believeth on Him Who sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.



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