# YOUR THREE APPOINTMENTS

#### HAVE YOU PREPARED FOR THEM?

#### OR DID YOU FORGET?

# HOW COULD YOU FORGET TO PREPARE FOR YOUR THREE IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS?

#### APPOINTMENT NO. 1

'And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment'.1

'The time has come for you to die'.2

1 am only a step away from death!'3

'Both go to the same place—they came from dust and they return to dust'.4

'No one can live forever; all will die. No one can escape the power of the grave'.5

None of us can hold back our spirit from departing. None of us has the power to prevent the day of our death. There is no escaping that obligation, that dark battle. And in the face of death, wickedness will certainly not rescue the wicked.<sup>6</sup>

'For soon I must go down that road from which I will never return'.<sup>7</sup>

'Remember him before you near the grave, your everlasting home, when the mourners will weep at your funeral'.<sup>8</sup>

# **DID YOU FORGET?**

Have you forgotten that God has already arranged your next appointment for you?

# APPOINTMENT NO. 2

'And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment'.9

'For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body'. 10

But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed'.<sup>11</sup>

But remember that they will have to face God, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead.<sup>12</sup>

'Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God'. 13

'The LORD will judge his own people. It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God'. 14

'Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things?' 15

#### **DID YOU FORGET?**

Have you forgotten that on judgement day God will personally tell you about your next appointment?

#### APPOINTMENT NO. 3

All who die unrepentant will be cast, body and soul, into HELL, where they will suffer conscious, everlasting punishment for sin.

'Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, "Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons." 16

'But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death'. <sup>17</sup>

'It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell'.<sup>18</sup>

Throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth'. 19

'The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night'.<sup>20</sup>

### **DID YOU FORGET?**

Have you forgotten that Jesus said He would go and prepare a place of everlasting joy for all who believe that He paid in full the penalty for the guilt of their sins when He suffered and died upon the cross as their substitute? Everybody who repents of their sins and puts their faith in Jesus will spend eternity with Him.

For those people, Appointment No. 3 will be in Heaven.

'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world." <sup>21</sup>

'And we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay'.<sup>22</sup>

'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him'.<sup>23</sup>

But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them'.<sup>24</sup>

# DID YOU FORGET TO PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENTS? HOW CAN YOU PREPARE?

'What must I do to be saved?... Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved'. 25

"The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" 26

'I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike - the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus'.<sup>27</sup>

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are'. 28

#### WHEN CAN YOU PREPARE?

"Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool." 29

For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation'. 30

Jesus said, "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." 31

# Could it be that the Lord is knocking on the door of your heart today?

# Will you invite Him in?

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