

Sermon Title: Who's Responsible for Death?

Sermon Text: Hebrews 9:27-28

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to put death into a biblical perspective.

Sermon Proposition: There are 4 insights related to death in any age.

Introduction:

- I. The promise of death. V.27a**
- II. The problem of death. V.27b**
- III. The pronouncement of death. V.27c**
- IV. The provision of death. V.28**

I. The promise of death. V.27a

A. By Adam

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

B. Consequence of sin

Genesis 2:17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

II. The problem of death. V.27b

A. God alone can inflict death.

Matthew 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

James 4:12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

2 Kings 19:35 And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses-- all dead.

Job 1:19 "and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

B. Ordered by God

Deuteronomy 32:29 Oh, that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *That* they would consider their latter end!

Job 14:5 Since his days *are* determined, The number of his months *is* with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.

Ecclesiastes 8:8 No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. *There is* no release from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.

III. The pronouncement of death. V.27c

- A. There is death. (**Matthew 22:33; Matthew 25:46; Romans 2:5, 8-9; Romans 14:9-11**)
Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
Acts 17:31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."
- B. Then there is judgment
1 Corinthians 3:13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.
2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. **14** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

IV. The provision for death. V.28

- A. The provision is Jesus Christ. V.28a (**John 3:16**)
1 John 3:5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.
John 8:51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."
Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- B. The picture is eager anticipation. V.28b
Isaiah 26:8 Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of *our* soul *is* for Your name And for the remembrance of You.
Micah 7:7 Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me.
2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
2 Peter 3:12-14 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. **14** Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;
Revelation 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."
Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

- C. The purpose is salvation. V.28c (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)
Isaiah 53:10-12 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. **11** He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.
1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

The kingdom of the Messiah and salvation were in the Jewish mind convertible terms. The salvation which the apostles preached is related to the fulfilment of the covenant and restoration of the nation of Israel.