

## God's Appointments

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Personally, I am not fond of appointments. It means I *have* to be somewhere, at a *certain time*, for a *certain reason*. Maybe it's because I think of a *doctor's* appointment, *dentist's* appointment, etc. that I am not fond of them. It means **something** is wrong, and that something is **me**! I'd just as soon be left alone because, to me, that means nothing is wrong.

In God's eternal wisdom, He has made unavoidable appointments for man. Let's consider a few of them:

1. **DEATH.** Job said, "*For I know that You will bring me to death, and to the house **appointed** for all living*" (Job 30:23). And the apostle Paul wrote that it is **appointed** unto man to die once (Heb. 9:27). Every living being will keep that appointment, some sooner than they expect! It has always bothered me to see people jogging on Sunday, because I know that no matter how healthy you are, how zealously you exercise, and how perfectly you keep yourself -- you will still die and meet God, *unprepared*.
2. **JUDGMENT.** Hebrews 9:27 goes on to say that after death, there is the "*judgment*." The most solemn thought any man can have is that one day he will stand before God Almighty and give an account of his life! "*Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead*" (Acts 17:31, KJV).
3. **ETERNAL DESTINY.** "*And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life*" (Matt. 25:46). If you think *where* you choose to live **now** is important, consider your eternal home! The wicked suffer everlasting punishment with some unsavory neighbors (Rev. 21:8)! The righteous enjoy eternal bliss with a loving God. Choose wisely.

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