

## The Inevitability of Death

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***“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”*** (Hebrews 9:27).

Death is an appointment which none of us will escape unless we are alive when the Lord returns. It is a Divine appointment as punishment for sin. It began with Adam and Eve’s banishment from Paradise where the *“tree of life”* dwelled (Gen. 3:22). Their inability to eat of that tree led to their certain death. God said to Adam in 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.”*

The father of the faithful, Abraham, said of himself, *“Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes...”* (Gen. 18:27). Modern medicine has made great strides in curing some illnesses and diseases, in lengthening life, and in helping us have a better quality of life while we are here. **But make no mistake about it — man shall never eliminate death!** It is a pipe dream that too many of us have subtly tried to accept as we attempt to avoid the inevitable. We have trusted in modern medicine to “cure” all our ills. But death sweeps over us silently and continually just the same.

**What is my point?** I am totally in favor of living a quality life, of taking advantage of the benefits of modern medicine, of natural medicine, and of medicine yet to be discovered. *But I do not want us to pursue physical life at the expense of pursuing eternal life!* You see, we can get so caught up in trying to exterminate certain diseases that we can forget that death is still certain! Do you know anyone living today who is over 125 years old? If not, then death is still inevitable. **It is “appointed” for men to die once!** So prepare for that appointment!

God *appointed* physical death because of sin and *spiritual* death! Through His eternal scheme

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