

“Set Thy House In Order”

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Hezekiah, one of the kings of the southern kingdom, Judah, was a very sick man – the Bible says, “*unto death.*” Isaiah, God’s prophet, was sent to Hezekiah with this message: “***Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live***” (2 Kings 20:1).

Everyone of us is going to die – some day, sooner or later. We need to be ready for it, and the only sure way to be ready for it is to **be ready** (or **get ready**) now and to **stay ready**. What is your situation? Are you right with God? Are you a Christian? Have you been faithful? How would you feel about receiving a message like that received by Hezekiah?

It takes time to get an education, to prepare for a job, to move to another town or city, to build a house, but it doesn’t take long to become a Christian or to come back to Christ. One can learn how to become a Christian in a few minutes, and respond immediately. An unfaithful Christian can learn what he needs to do to be forgiven in a few minutes, and respond immediately. Perhaps you already know what to do, but have simply put off doing it – more than likely with the idea of definitely taking care of it some day – before it is forever too late.

Forever is a long, long time, and death can come suddenly, unexpectedly, without warning. When it comes, it will bring down the curtain upon this life forever, and this life is the only time we have access to God’s grace and mercy, and opportunity to receive them. If your spiritual house is not in order, won’t you set it in order now?

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