

Dealing With Deadly Danger

Some have no hope in danger, death (1)

- Modern world has sunk to depths
 - Cancel culture
 - They hate God because they want freedom to live in depravity
 - We cannot change people, but must speak against sins

Some have no hope in danger, death (2)

- Living in fear is not living (Jg.6)
- This is nothing new
- Lord expects us to learn spiritual lessons from tragedy
 - 1 Chr.7:20-23, *Beriah*

I. This World Is Passing Away

1 Jn.2:15-17

- “Pass away” (this world)
 - Its glory, hopes, promises are failing
 - Sometimes due to terrorism
- Mt.6:19-21, the warning
 - 1-18, Pharisees sought rewards that “paid in full” in the “here and now”
 - 19, not against owning property (Ac.5) but covetousness

1 Jn.2:15-17

- **Mt.16:24-26.** Peter rebukes Jesus (21-23)
 - 24: **cross** – tool of death
 - 25: **paradox** – ‘For My sake’ (Mk.8:35)
 - 26: **who** ever gained the whole world?
 - Could only be temporary. Dn.4
 - Not most important thing. Rv.1:8
 - Eternity of regrets. Lk.16:14...

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II. Death Often Comes When
We Least Expect It

1 Thes.4:13-18, what Jesus will do...

1. His coming
2. His calling (16; Jn.5:28-29)
3. His collection
4. His comfort (18)

We must be ready...

1. Be taught, 13. Ac.22:3, Gamaliel. Jn.11:11
2. Be trusting, 14. Job 13:15
3. Be tranquil, 15-16. Ph.4:6-7. Jn.11:43
4. Be thankful, 17. 1:2. Greatest reunion
5. Be thoughtful (of others), 18. Comfort...
 - Fear is contagious (Dt.20:1-4, 8)
 - Faith is comforting, 18. 1 Th.5:14

James 4:13-17, true profit

13: people enter business thinking profit, not death. Prov.27:1

14: some day, our name will be in obituaries

- Vapor vanishes quickly. Ps.90
- Some day, work and things will not matter.

15: We don't know future...

16-18: Many think they control future

- Ps.39:4-6. Jg.4-5

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III. God's People Can
Keep Faith In Danger

Jn.15:18-20

- Jesus' death brought disciples to depths of despair
- His resurrection changed everything
 - Job 19:23-27
 - Stephen, Ac.6-7
 - Paul, 2 Tim.4:6-8

Paul responded to death
with heavenly hope

Is our faith intact?

- I trust God come what may. Ps.56:3
- I repent of my sins. Lk.13:1-5
- I do not fear death. Dn.3:16-18 (Ro.8:31)
- I think of others, not only myself. Ph.2:3
- I keep serving and obeying Him. Ga.5:7

Conclusion...

- Our greatest need: be ready. Ac.4:...7-13
- John 14:27