

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERMON**

**Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church**

**December 4, 2019**

**Text: Hebrews 9:27-28**

**Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

**Subject: It is Appointed unto Men Once to Die, but After This, the Judgment.**

***And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. – Hebrews 9:27,28.***

It has been truly observed that “men preach their own funeral by their lives.”

In expounding our text, we want to notice (1) That it is appointed unto men once to die; (2) but after this the judgment; (3) So (in that same way) Christ was **once** offered to bear the sins of many, and (4) unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

### **1. First then: It is appointed unto men once to die.**

**Men Die because of the Curse brought by Adam's Sin.** Therefore death is inherent in all men – we are born to die in the flesh. Why is that? It is because we all sinned in Adam, our father. It is absolutely true that we are born dying. Why is that? It is because we, like our father, Adam, are under God's curse because of sin.

**Genesis 3:19 (KJV)** *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

**Romans 5:12 (KJV)** *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

**2 Samuel 14:14 (KJV)** *(A godly woman speaking to King David) For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person:*

**Psalms 89:48 (KJV)** *What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.*

**Ecclesiastes 12:7 (KJV)** *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

**Men's days are determined by God – and death is by God's appointment.**

**Job 7:1 (KJV)** *Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?*

**Job 14:4,5 (KJV)** *Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. 5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;*

**Job 30:23 (KJV)** *For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.*

**Psalms 39:4 (KJV)** *LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.*

Both you and I have an appointment with death – a day, an hour, a minute

appointed by the LORD when “the silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl broken, the pitcher broken at the fountain, the wheel broken at the cistern, then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it, and the mourners shall go about the streets.

## **2. But after this, the judgment.**

**Ecclesiastes 11:9, 14 (KJV)** *Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. ...14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

**John 5:28,29 (KJV)** *Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

**Acts 17:31 (KJV)** *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.*

**Romans 14:11,12 (KJV)** *For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

**Daniel 7:9,10 (KJV)** *I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came*

*forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*

**Revelation 20:11-15 (KJV)** *And I saw a great white throne, and him that 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, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

### **3. So, Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.**

So – says our text – just like that. Just like it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment, it was appointed to Christ that he would be once offered to bear the sins of many.

**Romans 5:15 (KJV)** .... *For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

**Revelation 7:9,10 (KJV)** *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon*

*the throne, and unto the Lamb.*

**Matthew 1:21 (KJV)** (The angel, Gabriel to Joseph) *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

**Hebrews 9: 24-26 (KJV)** *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but **now once in the end of the world** hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

**Romans 6:10 (KJV)** *For in that he died, **he died unto sin once:** but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

**1 Peter 3:18 (KJV)** *For **Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust**, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

- The many whose sins Christ bore in his body are the same ones who are believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The many are the same ones in whom God works both to will and to do of His good pleasure – and will see to it that they persevere in good works unto the end – for they were foreordained to that end.
- The many are the same ones who were called by the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The many are the ones which God justified.
- The many are the same ones which God predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ.

- The many are the same ones which God foreknew before the foundation of the world – whose names he wrote in the Lamb's book of Life before the world was
- These are the many for whom Christ died and secured their salvation, for they were crucified with him – became dead to sin with him – and were raised to walk in a new life in Him...

#### **4. Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

**Philippians 3:20 (KJV)** *For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

**2 Timothy 4:8 (KJV)** *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

**Titus 2:13 (KJV)** *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

**John 14:3 (KJV)** *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

**Acts 1:9-11 (KJV)** *And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 (KJV)** *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

**1 John 3:5 (KJV)** *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

**1 John 3:2 (KJV)** *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

It is at this point (when Christ appears the 2<sup>nd</sup> time) that our faith becomes sight – that this vile body of humiliation is laid down and changed to be fashioned like unto his glorious body – a body completely like that of Christ. It is a body which is perfect in which dwells a perfect soul and spirit. Sin is past. It was **committed** in the garden; **condemned** of God with a curse upon the earth, Adam, and his posterity; **conquered** at the cross when Christ died for our sins; **captured** in the lives of His people so that sin no longer has dominion over them; and finally its presence **consummated** by the coming of Christ for His own when all of those who believe are delivered from the very presence of sin for evermore.

**Romans 8:3 (KJV)** *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of*

*sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

Dear dying sinner, - (and you are a dying sinner if you do not believe that Jesus Christ is the savior for your sins) - your greatest need is to come to know that your sins have condemned you to an eternity in hell – and that your only hope is to change your mind about your sin and about who God is and about God's son, the Lord Jesus Christ. When you come to have faith in Him that he died for your sins and he converts you to follow him, then shall you begin to earnestly look for his appearing the second time. Those who have been enlightened by God have come to know their heinous sins before God and the true righteousness which is in Jesus Christ – and like the publican in the temple say, "God, be merciful to me a sinner."