

INTRODUCTION

- A. THE DEEPENING SHADOWS OF DEATH (Ps.23:4; 44:19; 107:10,14; see Heb.8:13)
- B. THE COST OF WISDOM (Eccl.1:18; 7:1f)

I. AGING

- A. YOU ARE *NOT* ALONE (Ps.71:9,18; see Heb.13:5)
- B. IT WILL *NOT* LAST FOREVER (Ps.90:10)
- C. FALLING APART & COMING TOGETHER (2Cor.4:16,17; see Eccl.12:1f)
- D. PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER (see 2Kngs.20:1)

II. DYING

- A. YOU ARE *NOT* ALONE (Jn.14:15f)
- B. IT WILL *NOT* LAST FOREVER (Lk.12:4; 23:46)
- C. TEARING APART (Gen.2:7; see 2:24; 4:1)
- D. MOVING OUT (2Pt.1:14)

III. DEATH

- A. YOU ARE *NOT* ALONE (Ps.116:15)
- B. IT WILL *NOT* LAST FOREVER (Gen.27:2; Jdgs.13:7; Eccl.7:1; 8:8; see Gen.25:8)
- C. TORN APART (Eccl.12:7; 2Cor.5:1; Jms.2:26)
- D. GONE (Lk.9:31; 2Tm.4:6b; 2Pt.1:15)

IV. AFTER DEATH

- A. YOU ARE *NOT* ALONE (Ps.139:8; Lk.23:43; Heb.12:23)
- B. IT WILL *NOT* LAST FOREVER (Rev.6:10,11)
- C. REST (Rev.6:11; 14:13)
- D. SLEEP (Acts 7:60; 13:36; 1Th.4:14; 2Pt.3:4; note: Rev.6:11)
- E. PERFECTED (Heb.12:23)
- F. MOVED IN; AT HOME (2Cor.5:8; Phil.1:23; see Lk.16:23f)

V. AT RESURRECTION

- A. YOU ARE *NOT* ALONE (1Th.4:17a)
- B. IT WILL *NOT* LAST FOREVER (Jn.11:24; 1Cor.15:52)
- C. CLOTHED (2Cor.5:4; see 1Cor.15:35f; Rev.6:10f)
- D. HOUSED (2Cor.5:1; Jn.14:1f; see Rev.21:1f)
- E. FURNISHED (2Cor.5:10; Rom.2:5f)
- F. WELCOMED (Mt.25:21,23)
- G. VINDICATED (Mt.10:32)

VI. AFTER RESURRECTION

- A. YOU ARE *NOT* ALONE (1Th.4:17b)
- B. IT WILL LAST FOREVER (1Th.4:17b; Jn.3:16; Rom.6:23; see Ps.23:6)

VII. HOME SWEET HOME! (2Cor.5:8; Phil.1:23; see Gen.3:24; Heb.9:11f; 10:19f; 12:22f)

- A. IN SIN, DEATH; IN CHRIST, LIFE (Rom.6:23; see 3:22; 5:17,21; 8:10)
- B. IN CHRIST, YOU ARE NEVER, EVER ALONE! (Heb.13:5; Jn.14:15f)
- C. IN CHRIST, SORROW IS TEMPORARY & JOY IS ETERNAL! (2Cor.4:17; Rev.21:4; see Ps.30:5)
- D. COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE TRUTHS! (1Th.4:18)
- E. OUTSIDE OF CHRIST ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE REVERSED! (Mt.8:12; 25:41f; Jn.5:29; Rev.21:8)
- F. WATCH AND PRAY! (Mk.8:35f; Lk.12:35f; Rev.22:20)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest **interest** to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary *doctrinal* points of the sermon? Do you *believe* these things?
5. What are the primary *practical* points? Do you *do* these things?
6. Why is it important for Christians to think about death?
7. Jesus often encouraged His disciples not to be afraid (e.g., Lk.12:4,32). Why must we not be afraid of aging, dying, death, etc.?
8. Why do we die? What is our only hope? (Rom.6:23)
9. How does aging, dying and death affect the body?
10. How do these things affect the spirit of a Christian? Of an unbeliever?
11. Why is death described as rest and sleep in the Bible? How is death not like sleep for those joined to Christ by faith? For those separated from Christ by unbelief?
12. What is the joy for the Christian in his death and the comfort for those he leaves behind?
13. What does the Christian have to look forward to at death? At the resurrection?
14. What do those apart from Christ have to look forward to at death? At the resurrection?
15. What is the thing you are inclined most to fear about aging, dying and death? How does the Lord comfort you with His words?
16. What is the thing you most look forward to after death, at the resurrection and thereafter? How does the Lord give you this hope in His word?
17. How do you give and receive comfort in the sorrows of this life?
18. How do you "watch and pray"?