

The Horrors of Hades
THE APPOINTMENT
Hebrews 9:27

We need to understand what God's Word says about man's appointment with death and judgment.

I. THE CERTAINTY OF HUMANITY - Hebrews 9:27

- The "All-Men" Appointments

A. AN APPOINTMENT

- Recorded on God's calendar ... He has your name in His appointment book

B. WITH DEATH

1. There is certainty to our mortality - See Genesis 3:19 and Romans 5:12
2. Consider these realities
 - a. Every year 55.3 million people in the world have an appointment with death recorded in God's book.
 - b. 151,600 people die every day ... That's 6,316 per hour ... Or 107 per minute!
3. People die once: It is a singular event
 - a. Literally: We die once for all
 - b. There are no second chances, do-overs or mulligans
4. At death one's destiny is sealed

C. THEN JUDGMENT

1. Decision: God actively examines and evaluates at the moment of death
2. Determination: The "Then-what?" question is answered
3. Evaluation: God evaluates your standing with Him
4. Condemnation: The Greek word for "judgment" is "Crisis"
 - a. After death a crisis comes to the unbelieving ... they are not justified and redeemed by Christ
 - b. If the Savior does not pay on your account ... you will!
 - c. The unbelieving faces the reality of this crisis when they realize they are not in Heaven

II. THE REALITY OF WRATH - Hebrews 10:26-31

- The "Evil-Man" appointment

A. FOR TRUTH DENIERS (26-27)

1. Their Rebellion (26)
 - Willingly continuing to sin even when the truth is known
2. God's Indignation (27)
 - a. Described here as a terrifying expectation
 - b. A fiery fury that eats away at God's enemies - See II Thess. 1:7-9
 - c. God's love does not override His wrath! - See Romans 1:18

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B. FOR GRACE DESPISERS (28-29)

1. Example (28)
 - Old Testament Law-rejecters died without mercy
2. Comparison (29)
 - a. How much worse for those who refuse God's grace!
 - b. These are those who:
 - 1) Trample on the Son of God > Showing contempt for God the Father's provision
 - 2) Despise Christ's blood > Counting as ordinary (unclean) or profane the payment of God's Son
 - 3) Insult the Spirit's grace > An arrogant outrage to the Spirit's plea
 - c. See Romans 2:4-5

C. FOR GOD-REJECTORS (30-31)

1. The Words of God (30) [From Deut. 32:35-36]
 - a. "I will repay"
 - It means to repay in kind ...i.e. with vengeance - See Ezekiel 7:3-27
 - b. "I will judge"
 - Examined and found to be enemies of God, who is therefore justified in allowing their damnation
2. The Warning to Men (31)
 - a. This is a terrifying thing
 - Men will not be scared to death but rather scared of deity!
 - b. This is a dreadful thing
 - 1) In the grip of the living God
 - 2) These unbelievers wanted to keep God at a distance ... but are now in His grip!

CONCLUSION:

Since I began my message 3,675 people have died

- All of these had an appointment with death and judgment and many are in Hades right now

For them it's too late to change their fate

- But what about you or your loved ones?
- There's still time for you to repent of sin and accept Christ as Savior
- See John 3:17-19

Where will you be meeting God at your appointment with death?

- In Heaven or Hades?