

“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 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).

The Bible tells us that you and I will surely die and stand before Him to face judgment one day because it is God’s appointment for us. When will your time come? Nobody can tell. Only God knows; for God appoints the time for everyone. One thing is however certain: nobody escapes. Let us give ear to God’s Word: “It is appointed unto men.”

### The Appointment of Death

Death is the first part of the twofold divine appointment that every man and woman has to keep. Millions of tombstones around the world bear witness to this fact. Even the mighty men of yesterday, lie buried today in their graves. Those who once terrified nations were themselves terrified when the chill of death crept upon them.

Indeed, God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), neither does He take reward (Deuteronomy 10:17). No man is strong enough to

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wrest from God one more second of life than what God had allotted him. Neither can the wealth of the whole world buy the same for you when your time on earth is up. Even the best that medical science can offer is of no avail when your appointed time is come. It is important therefore for you to think seriously about your twofold divine appointment of death and the judgment today! For no one but God knows if today is your last.

Some people say that death is the end of man; they say that nothing exists beyond death. The Bible tells us otherwise: it is the beginning of a new phase of life. While it marks the end of our life on earth, it ‘sounds the bell’ for us to stand before God for judgment. Death ushers us to God’s throne of judgment.

### The Appointment of Judgment

If the first part of the divine appointment is a reality, the second event will also be a certainty. After death, comes the judgment. The Bible tells us of a day in which the dead will be raised from their graves to stand before Him for judgment. The living, too, will be brought before our Divine Judge

on that day. It is the day “when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ” (Romans 2:16). It is the Judgment Day!

God is our judge. Come that day, God shall bring every thought, every word and every deed of each man before Him, and He shall judge them one by one. On that day, all your sins will be exposed! Your lying, your cheating, even your lustful fantasies and wicked thoughts; however well you may have concealed them from the eyes of men, God will make sure that none of them will be left out. How will you fare?

Are you thinking that there will be no witnesses to your secret thoughts and covert deeds? God doesn’t need another man to bear witness against you. Your own conscience will. The Bible tells us that our conscience will bear witness against us and accuse us (Romans 2:15). You will be left without a plea! The day of resurrection and judgment indeed will be a dreadful day.

God’s Word, the Bible, affirms that “the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17). Who are the wicked? Those in whom any trace of sin is found. Ask yourself

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honestly now, are you not also a sinner?

Then your fate is sealed. Hell is waiting. Hell is a lake of fire; a place of eternal suffering and torment. The Bible talks about the people in Hell gnashing their teeth, being in great pain. So will you be if you are there.

Would you want to be numbered among them? If not, take heed: there will be no escape from God’s eternal wrath which awaits those who die in their sins; who did not seek the forgiveness He offers us in Jesus Christ when we were yet alive. After death, comes judgment. Your only chance of escape is therefore now – before your time on earth runs out!

### Today is the Day of Salvation

The Bible says that today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). How can today be the day of your salvation? Being a sinner, no man can work his way to heaven. Just as a lifetime of clean driving record does not cancel out the one traffic fine that you have just incurred; a lifetime of good works does not cancel out your record of sin before God. No matter how much good works you care to do,

the fact remains that you will be punished for whatever sins you have committed when the day of judgment comes. In other words, our sins have caused us to be condemned before a holy and just God forever. If we think that we can work our way out of the punishment of Hell, we are fooling ourselves!

God has not left us without hope. However, the same holy and just God, who pronounces judgment against us for our sins, has also in His love provided us with a way of escape. The same Bible passage that warns us about death and judgment also points us to salvation. It says, “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many” (Hebrews 9:28).

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God’s provision for our salvation. He came to this world, born of a virgin, and lived as a man. Despite the fact that Jesus lived a holy and perfect life, and was blameless to the end, wicked men sought to kill Him. Though He could have escaped death, Jesus voluntarily gave Himself over to cruel torture and suffered the death of the cross at their hands. He died to pay the penalty of sin for many.

Being a perfectly holy God-man, Jesus had no sin of His own

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to suffer punishment for. When He died on the cross, He took the punishment for man’s sins that whosoever will believe on Him will be saved. He became the substitute for all who believe on Him, to bear the punishment for their sins on the cross, that their sins and punishment may be cancelled forever!

God is Love. Some people think that God is evil because He punishes people in Hell. This is not true. He punishes not because He is evil, but because He is holy and just. His justice does not allow sin to go unpunished. Yet, He has pity on us. In love, He gives us a means of escape from the Hell that is to come. He is a loving God indeed. The Bible says, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). God’s love had brought Jesus to this world to suffer and die on our behalf.

On the cross, we see Love supreme. The Bible tells us, “God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). It is for a sinful, hell-bound people that Jesus gave His life.

Again, it says, “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6). How true it is that as sinners we are without strength to escape the punishment that God has reserved for us. Through Christ, God has lovingly stretched forth His hands to save us. Does not that make God’s love so marvellous and sublime? Though death and eternal damnation reigned over us because of our countless sins, we can have eternal life and the reign of God’s righteousness right now through Jesus Christ.

Today is the day of salvation, because today God’s offer of forgiveness is held out to you in Jesus Christ. Today is the day of salvation, because it might be your last! Believe in Jesus that He died to take away your sins. Believe also

**Believe today in Jesus Christ  
who can save you to  
the uttermost!**

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“按着定命，人人都有一死，死后且有审判。像这样，基督既然一次被献，担当了多人的罪，将来要向那等候他的人第二次显现并与罪无关，乃是为了拯救他们。”(希伯来书 9:27-28)

圣经告诉我们“人人都有一死”，而且死后都要站在神面前受审判。这是神已经命定的事。你的时候几时到来？没有人知道。唯有那位为人预定时间的神知道。但很肯定的，就是没有人可以逃脱！让我们聆听神的话：“按着定命”。

## 死亡的定命

在神所给予我们的双重定命里的第一个部分就是“死亡”。

世界各地的千万个墓碑向我们证实这个事实。许多人曾经是伟大、强盛的人，今日也躺在他们的坟墓里。那些曾经使诸国惧怕的人，也因死的临到而甚惧怕。

神的确是不偏待人的（使徒行

传 10:34），也不受贿赂（申命记 10:17）。没有人能够使神在他的生命里多加一秒钟。全世界的钱财也不能帮助你从神那里买取格外的光阴。当神所预定给你的时间一到，最好的医生也无能为力。因此你今天就必须谨慎思考神按着定命给你的“死亡”与“审判”。除了神以外，没有人知道今天是否是你的最后一天。

一些人说死就是人生的结束；他们说死后一了百了。相反的，圣经告诉我们死后就是生命另一个阶段的开始。死亡虽然结束了我们在世上的生活，但也是我们要在神的面前受审判的时刻。

## 审判的定命

若这定命的第一部分是真实的话，那它的第二个部分也必然要实现、死后且有审判。圣经告诉我们有一天死人要复活站在神面前受审判。活着的人也要在那一天在这神圣的法官面前受审。

有一天就是“神要籍着耶稣基督审判人的一切隐秘事”。这一天是审判日！

神是我们的审判官。在那天，他要审判每一个人的思想、言语和行为。在那日，你一切的罪行都要显露出来！你的谎言、欺骗，甚至你的淫念和恶念，不论你如何地隐藏，神都会一一地将它们显露。你要怎样面对呢？

也许你在想，你所作的一切暗昧事没人看见？神不需要别人来指证你，你的良心会指证你。圣经告诉我们人的良心会对我们所作的一切作见证，并且责备我们（罗马书 2:15）。你将无法抗辩！那个复活及审判的日子将是令人惧怕的一天！

神的话说：“恶人，就是忘记神的外邦人，都必归到阴间”（诗篇 9:17）。谁是恶人呢？就是有罪的人。扪心自问，你不是个罪人吗？如此，你的命运已定，地狱在等候你。地狱是

一个火湖；一个永远受苦、受折磨的地方。圣经形容地狱里的人咬牙切齿、受尽苦痛。若你在那里也必有同样的后果。

你要有这样的下场吗？若是不，请听：没有人能从神的愤怒中逃脱。那些有罪但未曾得赦免的人都要面对神的愤怒，因为他们在活着的时候拒绝了神籍着耶稣所赐的救恩。死后且有审判，因此你唯一可以逃脱的机会就是现在 - 趁着你在世的时间还未结束！

## 今天就是蒙拯救的日子

圣经说：“现在正是拯救的日子”（哥林多后书 6:2）。今天如何成为你蒙拯救的日子呢？身为罪人，没有人可以靠行为到天堂去。即使一个人的驾驶履历没有过失，也不能因此而废除他刚犯的交通条例。相同的，你一生的善行也无法除去你在神面前的罪行。无论你的善行多少，事实将是你要因所犯的罪在审判日来临时被惩罚。

换句话说，我们的罪早已经使我们在位圣洁与公义的神面前被定罪了。若我们以为可以籍着行为逃离地狱的审判，我们是在欺骗自己！

但是神没有让我们绝望。同一位定我们罪的神，也因着他的爱给我们开了一条生路。这段警告我们有关死亡与审判的经文也指出这条路给我们。“像这样，基督既然一次被献，担当了多人的罪。”（希伯来书 9:28）

耶稣基督 - 神的儿子，就是神赐给我们的救恩。他籍着童贞女所生，来到世界上成为人。虽然耶稣的生活圣洁完全，从来没有犯过罪，恶毒的人却要杀害他。耶稣虽然可以逃过死劫，但他却甘心让他们折磨，以至受苦死在十字架上。祂的死是为了担当多人的罪债。

身为完全圣洁的神人，耶稣不需为任何罪受刑罚。当他死在十字架上时，他是为着人的罪

刑而受死，叫一切信他的人可以得救。他担当了信他的人的罪，为他们上十字架，好叫他们的罪与刑罚永远一笔勾销！

神就是爱。一些人觉得神是邪恶的因为他要人到地狱受刑罚。这是错误的想法。神惩罚人不是因为他邪恶，乃是因为他是圣洁与公义的。他的公义不能让罪恶不受惩罚。但他却有怜恤我们的心肠。在爱里，他给了我们一条逃离地狱的生路。他的确是一位慈爱的神。圣经说：“神爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信他的，不至灭亡，反得永生。”（约翰福音 3:16）

神的爱使到耶稣来到这个世界上为我们的缘故受苦受死。

从十字架，我们看到神伟大的爱。圣经告诉我们：“唯有基督在我们还作罪人的时候为我们死，神的爱就在此向我们显明了”（罗马书 5:8）。

耶稣是为着罪恶、朝向地狱

的人而献上生命的。圣经也说：“因为我们还软弱的时候，基督就按所定的日期为罪人死”（罗马书 5:6）。的确，罪人实在无法逃离神所预备给我们的刑罚。籍着基督，神伸出慈爱的双手来拯救我们。神的爱是不是很奇妙与伟大呢？虽然在无数的罪恶中我们被死亡与永恒的诅咒战胜，但现在可以在耶稣基督里得到永远的生命与神的义。

今天就是蒙拯救的日子，因为今天神籍着耶稣基督将赦罪的机会赐给你。今天就是蒙拯救的日子，因为今天可能是你的最后一日！相信耶稣为你的罪而死、也相信他死后第三天复

活、今天他也可以救你。不要犹豫，你为何要继续挑着罪的重担呢？带着悔改的心来到耶稣跟前，让他为你卸去罪担！一旦你相信耶稣基督为救主，将心交托给神，你就得救了。那些以信心到耶稣面前的人将得到神的赦免。你的结局将是天堂，不再是地狱。记得：那些死在罪恶中的人将到地狱永远受苦；那些认罪悔改相信耶稣的人必以天堂为他们永恒的家園。

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**今天就相信耶稣，  
因他能拯救你到底！**

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