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Ecclesiastes 8:8

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; the One who appoints EVERY time and season of our lives is God.

King Solomon, The Preacher in Israel wrote about those many appointed times and seasons that each of us experience, one of those times is the end of earthly life:

Ecclesiastes 3:2: "A time to die".

Not one of us knows our appointed time, (that is), when we shall die, but every one of us has an appointed time. When that "God Appointed Day" comes, there isn't a scientist or medical doctor that has the power to prevent it.

Ecclesiastes 8:8: "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it?" Psalm 89:48

As powerful as mortal man THINKS he is, he is powerless against the Almighty power of God when God declares that his life shall cease and end, and he shall die.

Earthly men may think themselves to be little sovereigns and very powerful, but NOT ONE mortal man has the power over the spirit (or as it means over his life) to retain or keep the spirit", and to keep himself in life, or to keep himself alive!

Man loves to think to himself that he can control many things, he stands tall in pride and arrogance, shaking his fist at God until God abases him, weakens him, and brings him down to the grave in death; taking back that life that He gave to him.

Ecclesiastes 9:10-12, Hebrews 9:27, Job 7:1, 14:1-5, James 4:13-16, Psalm 90:9-12

Regrettably, most in this life live as if they will never die; that is to live the life of a fool! *Luke 12:15-21*

"There is no discharge in that war"; there is NO escaping death.

You might be dismissed or discharged from an earthly conflict and war, but you cannot be released, dismissed, or be discharged from facing this "LAST ENEMY" of death. *Romans 5:12, 2 Chronicles 6:36: "For there is no man which sinneth not"; and what follows our sins is death!*

"For the wages of sin is death"; but hold that thought for 6:23B

And then, “wickedness shall not deliver those that are given to it”

The wicked will go to great lengths in this life to escape temporal judgments and the consequences of their sin and wickedness; but none of their godless schemes will deliver them from the “King of Terrors” when God sends him to reap their souls.

But in all of this truth about the reality of death; don’t forget these precious truths about your salvation!

Just as you are saved from your sins, and from the power of the wicked one, (you’re no longer under his dominion); and as you are saved from this present evil; you’re also saved from death, and from eternal (2nd) death.

Remember, death is the last enemy that shall be destroyed!

1 Corinthians 15:47-57, John 5:24-29

Death IS the King of Terrors to the wicked; but to the child of God, it is the doorway into which we shall enter into the everlasting joy of our Lord!

John 3:16, 36, 11:25-26, 1 John 5:11-13, Romans 6:23

2 Corinthians 5:21

The Cross of Jesus Christ!