

✓ Ten years from tonight I knew I would be xx standing and preach to the same congregation and knew that day all would accept Christ I would still pour out my heart urging you to come so that 10 years of influence might not be lost.

✓ An old man 68 years old trusted Christ and some months after his conversion came to church and told the Pastor with a heavy heart, This morning I passed three sons homes and each one said "Yes I'll start when I'm 68."

Even my dear grandchildren said, we will start when we are 68. I had to come alone, I am the proof of a wasted influence. He stretched out his strong arm and said I will be willing to have it severed off if I could live my life over again or even have my head severed off if I could go back and teach my boys by example how a Christian father ought to live.

✓ George Whitfield when converted prayed "O God forgive me for my wasted influence over other people"

We do not bury our influence with us it goes on. And the father and mother who set their example before their children should wake up to the fact that influence bears fruit. Do you want your son to be like you, do you want your daughter to live like you do?

✓ Every day you delay/makes your coming more difficult.

Today is God's time - as we never pay debts by dodging them.

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Accept Christ and be ready for death.

Christ talked about loosing the soul. He said - what shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and loose his soul or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

✓ Dr. T. L. Holkom of the Sunday School Board told of the time when he was in school that his father sent him a telegram telling him to come home that his brother was saved the night before at a Revival meeting. He pondered it in his heart, now what does father want me to come home for,

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD

Desist Today Prep - War!
Amos 4:1-12 at Lake Success April 6, Bee General he said "Responsibility governments have to prepare for the worst, but hope for the Best"
Introduction He did not say anything about crossing the 38th Parallel
Preparation is talked everywhere in regard to the war. Said As to what the next move of Russia might be. Preparation Prepare is the cry on every hand, to increase our stock pile of atom bombs and also of man power.

✓ God has three appointments with us.

Calvary I Thess. 5:9

Death Hebrews 9:27

Judgment day - Acts 17:31

No escape from the last ~~two~~ two.

✓ THERE ARE ONLY TWO CLASSES OF PEOPLE

Saved - and lost

THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS OF TRAVEL TOWARD ETERNITY

Heaven - Hell

A man said "I can't live right". The preacher said that's why God made two places.

✓ God challenges a crippled nation to final combat. To those who have pushed the matter out of their lives - to those who had intended to do it some day - to those who trusted their own strength.

✓ I. THE PUNISHMENT THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED

V. 6 1. Have given you cleanness of teeth (Vs. 6) Lack of Bread
Starvation - yet ye have not returned. Lack of Water

V. 7-8 2. Caused it to rain on one city and not another. (Vs. 7-8)
Make distinctions - sure have awakened

V. 9 3. Crop failure V. 9 Lack of money
V. 10 4. Have sent war among you. (Vs. 10) Suffering, Disease, Death Lack of Peace

V. 10 4. Young men slain with the sword. we have experienced this same thing.

V. 11 5. Overthrown some of you like Sodom (Vs. 11) Lack of security
Sodom as we know it was a very desperately wicked place.
It was the choice of Lot to go in that direction. Overthrow of them

Sodom compromised with sin. And was a place where the Bible was neglected. It was a place of wild scramble for money. A place of Sabbath desecration. It was a place of gambling. It was a place noted for its wicked dance.

- Separate the sexes and dance business would go out like a tornator. Let men dance with men as Beiderwolf said "He had just as soon hug a lamp post, a barrel of pickles or his mother-in-law. You say chaprone the dance. If there is no harm in it then why chaprone it. You don't have to chaprone a P.T.A. meeting or a prayer meeting.

The matron of Florence Critten Home in ~~xxxxx~~ La. said "If anybody believes that there is no harm in the dance come and talk to 100 of the girls here and you will be convinced.

- Lot moved to a bad neighborhood and was a bad example because he became a prodical himself. He acted wisely from the standpoint of the world but from a spiritual standpoint it was unwise to pitch his tent toward Sodom. And judgment fell at sunrise upon that horrible wicked city. And the angels had to come and rescue Lot. They led him out of the city, even Lot was reluctant to go as he prefers not to get too great a distance away from Sodom. Many times the angels have had to work overtime in this business of rescuing.

The angels appeared and worked for Elijah.
The angels rescued Peter from prison.
The angel directed the shepherds to the manger.
The angel rolled away the stone from the tomb of Christ.
The angels carried the soul of Lazarus to Abraham's bosom.

As David was uncomfortable in Saul's army. So should every Christian especially be uncomfortable in Sodom's company.

+ Now the purpose of all this was to bring them unto himself but they would not. Are we seeing God's providential dealings with us? Let us not wait until the judgment day to have our sins brought out.

V.12 Lack of Protection

II: A SOLOMON WARNING PREPARE TO MEET GOD V.12 Certainty of God's judgment

Men prepare a lifes work, they learn a trade.

Men prepare for a long trip.

Men prepare their children for big jobs.

But some never prepare to live or to meet God.

Elishah II Kings 4:16 ask a woman once "Is it well with thee, is it well with thy husband, it is well with thy child?"

Two questions in regard to the Text.

1. Why

a. Our condition demands it.

Sin, lost, outside of Christ, dead in sins as a corpse. Voltaire who spoke against the Bible died in despair. His nurse said I would not nurse another infidel for all the gold in Europe. Unrepentable sin can not believe, or repent, can not find Christ, no need to pray for you - you do not have to be in a coffin to be dead -

b. Death is certain. 1K. 20:11 "Set this hand - how did you sit there tonight. You may be able to avoid lots of things in this life time but every funeral reminds us of death. Especially with the artificial and the painted face and the cometary and the column in the newspaper all reminds us of death sure.

c. Eternity is long No End. Journey Through Halls of Hell.
They will never return - Murder - Amel My Bro's - Keeper - Man Repented - Sin; crowd say let us in - People's Neah's Day; Painted face a Queen - org - Jezebel; King + society
Woman - running from something - Head of Herodias; Man Rope around neck - went to church often - Judas; Man calling Crow - Rich Man who saw Lazarus, to Bro's.

d. God commands it.

You must meet God. No man is good by accident or without intention. Man does not stumble upon the Christian life but comes into it voluntarily at God's command.

2. When

a. There is a limit to your opportunity
When you leave this world the door closes. And you who refuse God over and over again quence his spirit and you can delay until your opportunity has passed by.

b. Prepare today

Prepare now because

(a) So your life and influence will be saved
You are not ready to live one second if

Prodigal Fox - Steps back are very simple

1) He comes to himself - Thinks about his awful condition - admits his sin, does not hid behind a riched church member.

2) Action followed this conviction - Many know they are lost, living on a low level - but just stay there. He said I'm coming back, I'm going to repent!

All who sin must expect Sins pay - wages of sin is death. pays in miseries, corruption

A Gift Not earned, Not deserved

Be Received! Salvignat - 1) Eternal 2) Has Power to Break Sins Dominion 3) Assures us Safety here & in world to come 4) Enable Xtion to escape judgment.

Between Fall & 1st coming There was an altar
" Ascension + 2nd coming " is a cross

Salvation - instantaneous - Possessed Now!

- Penitent Publican - went home justified
- City official - Zacchaeus
- Italian Captain - Lazarus
- Evangelist - Philip breached
- Jailer - Believed

How people Neglect it

- 1- Sin
2. Fail to realize peril - don't compare life with some broken down ch. member
3. elusion - devil's trick - put off.

How to ask to take a penon + Pray if he wants to be good

if my brother was dead then I should be glad to go. But at last he bought his train ticket and went on home. When he arrived he discovered that his father had called all of the children home. That evening around the supper table his father gave them the explanation and it was something like this: "He said I sent for you all to come home so that we could all gather around in the family circle and this is the first gathering here on earth that we are assured that the circle will not be broken up there. The last one of our family has now united his life with Christ."

✓ You will be saved when you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.

✓ An old confederate soldier tells of a young man who left home in the 60's for war. His mother pressed a New Testament in his hand when he left. She urged him to read it every day, and to follow its precepts and all would be well. Into battle after battle he went and never read a passage. They were getting ready for a fearful struggle. The officer called his men together and said "I want you to behave as men today for many of you will not come back." This young man's face turned as pale as death. Some made fun of him saying they will about get you this time my lad and you are affraid to die aren't you? Drawing out his New Testament he said "Mother urged me to read this and I haven't. And men I am not especially affraid to die but I am affraid of what is coming after death for I have made no preparation for it.

V. 13 Unprepared V. 13 Adgracy of God's love -

✓ Will our hearts feel and yet fail to reach out after God?

Three things - Love - Believe - Take!

✓ No Secret - don't keep it a secret if you love Jesus! Let people know, let him know! Come on and let us know about it!

unbelief - Blocked the Power of Jesus - old town, Billy said he could do no miracles because unbelief.

So. Norfolk - April 1951

Malberry Grove - Aug - 1952 Va.

So. Norfolk, Va - Sept 28, 1952

So. Norfolk - Aug 30, 1953

Calvary - Oct. 25, 1953

ONANCOCK, Va - Nov. 1953

Central Norfolk - Sept. 17, 1954

Zion Eastern Shore, Oct. 1955.

Kempville, Va. Nov. 1955 -

Big Island - Mar. 59.

Foy Hall, Va - Oct - Sun. Nov. 59. ✓

Jackson Memorial - April 60

Shore, Va. 10 July -

So. Norfolk - Feb 5, 67 WXRI -

So. Norfolk April 18, 71 WXRI P.M. ✓

" 20, 80 A.M. ✓✓

Grove Park Nov 25, 90 A.M. ✓✓

Bent-ley - Jan 20, 91 P.M. ✓✓