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(John Angell James, "A New Year's Solemn Warning")

This is what the Lord says: "I am going to remove you from the face of the earth. You will die this year!" Jerem. 28:16

This may be the case with any one of the readers of the present address, and therefore every one of them should seriously reflect upon such a possibility.

This year you may die--for you must die some time--and that time may as likely come this year as any other.

This year you may die--because you have no revelation from God that you shall not.

This year you may die--because you are ever and everywhere exposed to the causes that take away life.

This year you may die--because life is the most uncertain thing in the world, and you have not the assurance of a single moment beyond the present.

This year you may die--for it is all but certain that many of the readers of this address will die this year --and why not you?

This year you may die, although there is now no indication of approaching death; for many during the past year have been cut off, and many during the present year will die, who may now seem very likely to live--and why not you?

How many, then, are the probabilities that before next new year's day, your place will be vacant in the family, at the scene of your daily occupation, and in the house of God! Ought not this to induce a habit of solemn, pensive, devout, practical, profitable, reflection. Bring home the thought. Take up the supposition, and say, "Yes, it is possible, by no means improbable, that I may die--this year!"

Are you really prepared for your latter end, by being a partaker of genuine faith, the new birth, a holy life, and a heavenly mind? Or are you a mere nominal professor, having a name to live, while you are dead? Do you recognize in yourselves, and do others see in you, the marks of a state of grace? Put the question to your own hearts, ask yourselves, "What am I? Am I a spiritual, heavenly, humble servant of God? Am I really crucified with Christ, dead to the world, ripening

for glory? Is there anything heavenly about me? Is my temper sanctified, my walk consistent?"

Is your soul in that state in which you would desire it to be found when death strikes? Are you, in your devotional habits, your temper, your general behavior, as you should be--with eternity so near? Would you desire to die--just as you are now?

How many false professors will be unmasked this year, and appear with astonishment and horror, as self-deceivers, formalists, and hypocrites! How many in reply to the plea, "Lord, Lord, I ate and drank in your presence"--will hear the dreadful response, "Depart from me, I never knew you!" and thus find there is a way to the bottomless pit--from the fellowship of the church! In whatever state you die this year--that you will be forever! The seal of eternal destiny will be put upon you! Your last words in time, and your first in eternity, might be, "I must be what I am--forever!"

The grand secret is about to be revealed, whether you are a child of God--or a child of the devil! That next moment after death--which imagination in vain attempts to paint, is to arrive--and, waking up in eternity, you will shout with rapture, "I am in heaven!"--or utter with a shriek of despair, and surprise, the dreadful question, "What! Am I in hell forever?"

(http://www.gracegems.org/25/new_years_solemn_warning.htm) the whole sermon

Re: You will die this year! J.A James - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2007/8/11 20:04

Thank You Brother. Very convicting and True.

Re: You will die this year! J.A James - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/8/12 11:18

Quote:

-----This year you may die--because you have no revelation from God that you shall not.

Brother, wish to copy this over to the other thread as well. Must be some thread of fabric woven from James into this pot or fool's marrow, this preponderance of death as primary ... meditation. Perhaps yourself as well.

Thank you brother.

(http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id14907&forum45&50) Death Awaits

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/8/12 12:42

yes brother, i really like James writings and sermons, He is very practical and straight forward in his style i think, and there is always something i can apply to my own life from his sermons, even as it is written very long ago it still is fresh for our generation, the first sermon i read from him was (http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id14673&forum34) YOUTH WARNED and I was just struck by the force in that sermon, i have never heard anything preached like that, i dont think many people would dare preach like that today. And after that i started digging in his writings and i must say there is a quality to his sermons that is a blessing every time.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/8/12 17:26

As a mortician, I can tell you that this sermon carries a lot of weight. This is the kind of exhorting the church needs to hear; this is the kind of warning the godless on the streets need to hear. And this is something each of us need to be reminded of each morning upon awkening. Not merely that this year may be the year we die...but perhaps this *may be the very day!*

Tomorrow can be my day, and all you'll notice here on SI is the sudden absence of posts from PaulWest. Here today and gone tomorrow, like the flower of the grass. I think if we gird up the loins of our minds to daily and steadily ponder eternal concepts, it will do us well. It will certainly do our ministries well, and bring sobriety to every facet of our conversation. This is what God is looking for -- a *seriousness* in our walks that takes us above and beyond the mere Sunday morning and Wednesday night church hamster wheel experience. Oh Lord, stamp eternity on our eyeballs, acquaint us with death daily and the promise of the grace of thy hope, and bring to our souls the sobriety of our own impending mortality -- the inexorable gateway to an unalterable eternity.

Brother Paul