

## THINGS WE CANNOT ESCAPE

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Everyone has something that "plagues" or "haunts" them; something of which they are ashamed.
  - 1. Maybe something you did as child or non-Christian.
  - 2. Whatever it is, memory seems to "haunt" you!
- B. Some leave home to try to escape from unpleasant past Marriages, criminal acts, bad debts
- C. Some things are escapable, but some aren't.
  - 1. "Only 2 things for sure, death & taxes!"
  - 2. Bible shows more than just "death & taxes", there will be some things that we can NEVER run or hide from.

### DISCUSSION:

#### I. CANNOT ESCAPE SIN (by human devices Jer 10:23)

- A. Sometime think, "If I do this, no one will ever know."
  - 1. Use this as excuse to justify what we want to do.
  - 2. Usually something we would do regardless.
- B. Some sin unintentionally and hope no one finds out
- C. The shame of doing something out of character can burn for a long time
- D. Moses thought he could get away with murder
  - 1. Tried cover it up Ex 2:11-12
  - 2. When he realized it was known, he didn't think about the tragedy of murder Ex 2:13-15
  - 3. Sometimes we forget that no matter how justified we think a sin is, there are still consequences
  - 4. Remember David and Bathsheba 2Sam 11
- E. Sin has a way of coming home
  - 1. Older & wiser Moses seems to have learned lesson Num 32:23
  - 2. Sin, by its own results will point finger at you Isa 59:12

#### II. CANNOT ESCAPE DEATH

- A. One thing for sure: Death is certain!
  - 1. A remarkable success rate: It gets 1 out of 1
  - 2. Bible says death comes to all, yet many want to act as tho it won't happen to them.
- B. "Death spread to all men, because all sinned" Rom 5:12 (NAS95)
- C. We all have a date with death Heb 9:27 no escape, unless Jesus returns first.

#### III. CANNOT ESCAPE JUDGEMENT

- A. After death judgement Heb. 9:27 we are accountable Rom 14:12

- B. Everyone will be judged, no exceptions! Rev 20:12-13
  - 1. "the great and the small" We will all be there.
  - 2. Careful reading of 2Cor.5:10 & context shows Paul is speaking about Christians!

- C. Jesus will judge the world Jhn 5:25-27 Acts 17:30-31

#### IV. KNOWING THE CERTAINTY OF THESE, WHAT WILL WE DO NOW?

- A. Recognize and repent of your sins
  - 1. All sin whether believer or unbeliever Rom 3:23
  - 2. Even the child of God (Christian) 1Jhn 1:8
  - 3. Jesus taught necessity of recognizing & repenting Lk 13:1-5 (nkjv)
- B. Don't fear death - we live in shadow of death Psa 23:4
  - 1. Christian should not dread death Phil1:21, 23
  - 2. How could it be better? Isa 57:1-2; Rev 14:13
- C. Be ready for the judgement! Matt. 25:14-30
  - 1. Vs 15 "...according to his own ability.. according to what we CAN do, not what we CAN'T do
  - 2. Those who do receive reward "Well done..." V. 23
  - 3. Unfaithful servant makes excuses V. 24 ...will we?
  - 4. Whether 1, 2, or 5 talent people, we can ALL do one thing: Phil 3:13-14

### CONCLUSION:

- A. Some things from which we cannot escape (by human devices Jer 10:23) and they have eternal consequences.
- B. Which would YOU rather hear?
  - 1. "Cast out the worthless slave!"
  - 2. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"
- C. To hear "well done" one must be obedient & remain Faithful Rev 2:10

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