



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

THE WRONG DAY TO DIE!

(Taken from a forth-coming book called 'The Wrong Day to Die' by Jerry Finch.

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SUDDEN DESTRUCTION.

(or: 'Just going to the shops?')

"For a man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

(Ecclesiastes 9: 12 and 11)

'Your time is always ready'.

John 7:6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

Most of us don't realise we are in an intense spiritual warfare.



Even if we do realise it we don't plumb the depths of how it rages all around us and all the time. At least this has been my own

experience. It's just hard to see into the spirit world and what is happening while we are in this mortal fleshly body.

To make this chapter simple, it is really all about death. How it comes, and some advice on how we can prevent it to some degree.

The devil is the great enemy of God and you also. He loves nothing better than to destroy men and women and children. It gives him great satisfaction as we can see from the story in the first few chapters of Job in the Bible.

This death and destruction comes in all kinds of forms: sickness, wars, famines, storms and other natural disasters. *But for the sake of this chapter we are going to focus on individual or small group 'preventable deaths' that the devil would like to bring us. We are also going to see how it is eminently possible to avoid these deaths.*

First it's important to remember that we who know Jesus have an enormous advantage over the rest of humanity. Mainly because as we are God's children; He has pledged himself to look after us, protect us and deliver us from trouble, to keep us from famine and sickness and all the 'plagues of the Egyptians.'

There are hundreds of verses regarding this protection and deliverance in the Word of God. (I have listed a few of them at the end of this chapter)

The rest of the world doesn't necessarily come under this covenant or umbrella of God's favour and protection and that's why Jesus told the people of His day that their time (to die) was always ready or always possible any day, because they did not believe in Him. He even told some of them that they would be destroyed simply because they had refused to believe in him and refused to recognise God's time visit to them!

Luke 19:41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

Luke 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Luke 19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

Luke 19:44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Luke 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luke 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

Luke 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

▶ The two groups.



So we can see there are two distinct groups of people who both eventually will die, the people of God and the rest of humanity. One group is under the protection of God and the other isn't. If the second group of most of the unbelieving world isn't under the Lord's protection, then it is just as easily subject to the attacks of the devil.

I want to talk more about these two groups.

▶ 1. Let's start with people who do believe in Jesus Christ.

Even if we do believe in Jesus, this does not *automatically* ensure us God's protection from sickness, sudden disaster or fatal accidents. We have to cooperate with Him. *For example I have always been taught and tell others that we should never go anywhere without praying first before we go out the door*, even to the shops, a jog, a walk, visit the park with the kids. Before we open our door to the world, we always pray together for the Lord to keep us safe and abide under the shadow of his wings. God likes some respect.

'**Because** he has set his love upon me, **therefore** will I deliver him.' Psalm 91:14.

(See also the Chapter on Respect later in this book).

We should 'pray without ceasing' which most of us don't do. At least we should be in an attitude of prayer. All the devil needs is one spiritually unguarded moment in our lives to hit us with an accident or disaster from which it may take us years to recover, if at all.

So, concerning this, we should be asking the Lord several things:

- where we should go,
- how we should go there
- and if we should even go there!

Sometimes our strength is to sit still, whereas our human flesh is all for activity and doing and rushing through life. There are probably many places we have

been to that we didn't even need to go to at all.

I am not saying we should never go anywhere, that would be foolish, but I am sure you get my point. The very least we should do is pray before we move.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Isa 30:15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.

So if we follow these simple points or advice, it will save us a lot of trouble and we can be sure when we go out that God will be with us, his angels also and he will guide us with his eye.

Psa 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Psa 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Exo 23:20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

▶ 2. People who don't believe in Jesus or God.

There is really an enormous amount to say about this.

Over the last two or three years I have been increasingly aware not only of the huge

increase in natural disasters on the earth which the Bible predicts in the end time, but also in the seeming increase of individual or small group preventable deaths.

To illustrate this fact I am going to take the time to list just a few incidents of individual or small group death that I have gleaned from articles in both local and national papers here in the country where I grew up. I am sure you will find this absolutely shocking, yet very useful at the same time.

It is truly shocking, and the main thing that speaks to me is that all these people who died went out of their door on a normal day, doing normal things, expecting all things to continue as they were, and yet they never came home on that very normal day.

Apart from that, we do not see, as far as I can observe or are just somehow not aware of what this means to us all. It is almost as though death has suddenly become much more all around us. I don't say this to make anyone afraid as we have nothing to fear, but for 'normal' unsaved people the possibilities of death like this (suddenly and unexpectedly) are basically limitless.



Annual numbers of excess deaths in the US relative to other developed countries are growing at an alarming rate
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So here is a list and I do encourage you to have a close look through and see what you can pick out from them. The Lord may show you some amazing things.

This list only comprises of

sudden death brought about by accidents, unusual events, unexpected tragedy. With the exception of one example it does not include murder of one person by another.

Examples of people experiencing 'sudden death', not including wars, crimes against others etc.

1. A man was walking down his local high street. A heavy wooden sign hanging over the shop he was walking past happened to suddenly fall on his head and kill him.

Glasgow helicopter crash investigation finds both engines 'flamed out'

Air Accident Investigation Board says it is not clear why engines cut before helicopter crashed into Clutha pub



2. A police helicopter flying over Glasgow one night was returning to its base. *Suddenly both its engines cut out and it fell like a stone.* Out of the whole city, where did it happen to fall? No other than onto the roof of a pub where a music concert was being held. Ten people died. All three in

the helicopter and seven enjoying the music concert.

3. Again in Glasgow, Scotland; the driver of a bin lorry (refuse collection) blacked out at the wheel and his lorry mounted the pavement in the day time and

ploughed along a pavement of Christmas shoppers. Six people died on that 'normal' day.

4. Doing the gardening: The couple had been clearing items from the garden all afternoon, and in the evening Ms James came into the house to make a drink. Just after 6pm, Mr Blunn entered the house and told his fiancée that he had been stung by wasps after accidentally digging into a nest in the vegetable patch.



Ms James told the inquest: "There were three stings that I could see one on his ear, one on his neck, and one on his leg, and they were swollen. He went back into the garden with some wasp spray, but came back a few minutes later, saying he felt dizzy.

The pathologist's report indicates that Mr Blunn had "a hypoxic brain injury brought on by a possible anaphylactic shock, and that this was demonstrated by a CT scan." When Mr Blunn did not respond to treatment at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, it was agreed, with the consent of his family, that treatment be stopped, and he passed away in hospital on September 2.

The report also indicated that the head injury and bleeding that Mr Blunn sustained from his fall in the kitchen were "superficial" and did not cause or contribute to his death.

5. A woman was driving past with her boyfriend and saw a man arguing and shouting at his girlfriend on the street.

A woman who intervened in a street row was murdered when a broken wine bottle was thrust into her neck, a jury has heard.

Alison Wilson had been concerned for the safety of a baby whose mother was arguing with a man, Stephen Duggan, near a chip shop in Widnes, Cheshire, Liverpool crown court heard.

Witnessing the argument from a taxi with a male friend, Anthony Tomlinson, Ms Wilson, 36, thought it would be "less intimidating" if she stepped in as peacemaker, the court was told.

However, she could not stop the row and Duggan, 28, allegedly turned on her and Tomlinson, using a bottle as a weapon.

He felled Tomlinson, 43, with a blow to the side of the head and then thrust the broken bottle into his face before pushing it into Ms Wilson's neck and severing her jugular vein, the court heard.

(This is the only example of murder I am using. However it does bring out the truth of a Bible verse):

Proverbs 26:17 Like one who grabs a stray dog by the ears is someone who rushes into a quarrel not their own. **(The Bible covers every eventuality in some way!)**

6. A sick man died at the age of 80+ simply by choking on a piece of potato for his dinner.

7. Book-seller killed by falling sign as she closed high street Waterstones store was struck after design-flaw caused wooden structure to break off

Margaret Sheridan, 68, was killed by a falling sign as she shut up shop
She worked at branch of booksellers Waterstones in Blackpool.

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All these examples all happened suddenly and unexpectedly. (and I do believe that you can be sure if you look in your papers or read the news in whatever country you are in, that this is happening where you live also in basically the exact same way), So we can see how common it is and yet how blind we are to it happening to ourselves.

Are these types of death preventable? Yes! Most definitely. There are several ways to prevent this type of death ending your life.

According to the Bible there are several ways to prevent these deaths to ourselves and even to the unbelieving world also.

Antidotes to 'Sudden destruction'.

1. Show mercy to the poor.
Live a righteous life.

The dream God gave to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon was interpreted by the prophet Daniel in Daniel Chapter four as signifying the end of his rule at least for a season of seven years. In explaining his options Daniel pleaded with the king to *'break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. It may be a lengthening of your tranquillity'*. So Daniel was saying, if you start doing righteous stuff, God may give you a break and delay or possibly lengthen your reign.

Along this same line we also see in Acts chapter 9:36-42 we find the beautiful story of Tabitha (Dorcas) and how she 'was a woman full of good works and

almsdeeds'. She died but Peter turned to her dead body and commanded her to live again. The implication also here is that her righteous works spoke for her and brought her also back to life.

God added 15 years to Hezekiah's life due to his repentant prayer.

Praise the Lord. These are amazing examples in the Bible and ones that you can apply to yourself also. I have tried it myself and am still here, despite many sins and mistakes in my own past.

God didn't destroy Nineveh because the king ordered all the people to repent and dress in sackcloth and cry out 'mightily' to God. If God even sees us turn to Him and even make the first step, He is already on our side and protects us from the death that would otherwise come to us!

God bless you.

Don't let the devil take you when God wants to preserve your life for His Glory!

Psalm 118:17

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

Ezekiel 18:21

But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

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These articles are not your usual half a page Christian devotional, but rather are usually 4

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