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THE SURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison

TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE!

The majority of those who read this article will have experienced the sorrow and sense of loss that comes with the death of a loved one. We know that death is a part of our present existence. It is an appointment that all must keep (Hebrews 9:27). The Bible speaks to the uncertainty and brevity of life and the need to be ready when death comes. Are you ready?

The book of Job pictures the brevity of life in the words, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue" (Job 14:1). The inspired writer of the book of James wrote both of the uncertainty and brevity of life in the words of James 4:13-14, "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." No, you and I do not know what will happen tomorrow. Death has ended many a plan for tomorrow. Like steam rising from a boiling pot of water which quickly dissipates, your life and mine may end at any moment. We are not assured of tomorrow or even the next few moments.

In the time that it has taken you to read this article, hundreds of people have walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Sadly, the majority were not ready (Matthew 7:13-14). They were unprepared. Do not let that happen to you. Make your preparation by obeying what God has commanded for your salvation from sin. Believe in Jesus (John 8:32). Repent of your sins (Acts 17:30-31). Confess your faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10). Be immersed in water into the death of Jesus for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27). Live as a faithful servant of the Lord to enjoy the hope of eternal life, allowing God to work in you (Philippians 2:12-13). In doing so you can face the moment of your death with the utmost confidence, putting your trust in the God who loves you and gave His only begotten Son to save you (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9).

Are you ready? Today is the day of salvation, Tomorrow may be too late. There's danger and death in delaying, Accept God's saving grace; His life on the cross He has given, O come while yet you may, Give Jesus your life and thus walk in His way, **Tomorrow may be too late.**"