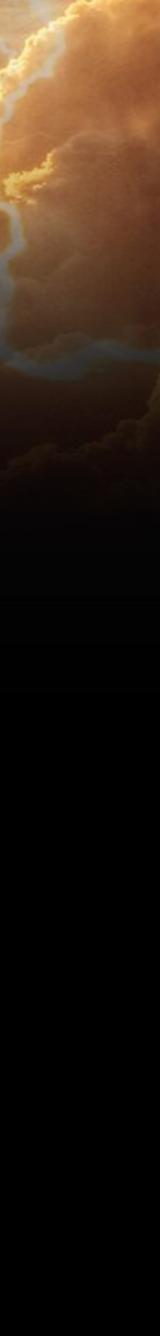
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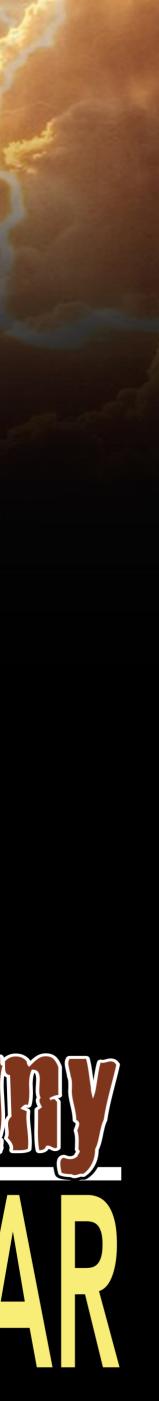


Why Is Death Considered Our Enemy? Before everything else, we can consider death as our enemy because Paul refers to it as such in I Corinthians 15:25,26.

Death stands opposed to us because it is a result of sin and rebellion against God.

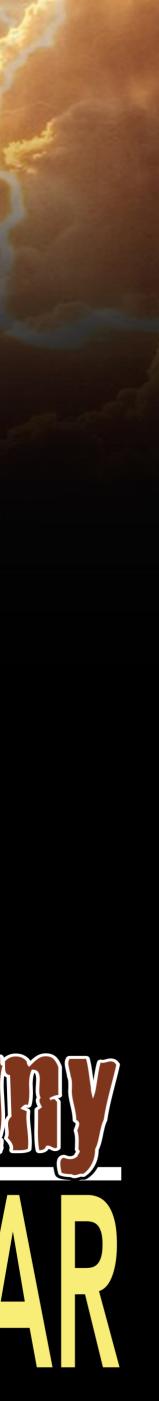
The Hebrew writer states that the power of death belongs to our adversary, the devil. (Hebrews 2:14,15)





Why Do Men Fear Death? Death is no respecter of persons. Death can come to anyone at anytime. Death is the final step of this life. Death affects those still living. Death comes with much uncertainty.

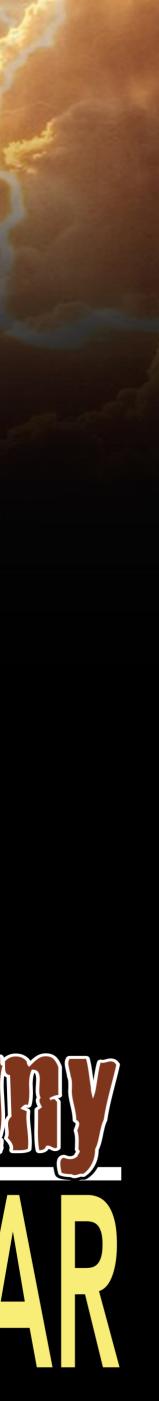




Reasons God's People Should Not Fear Death

- 1) Jesus's most often repeated instruction was for His followers to not fear.
- 2) God has given us a "Champion" over death, the risen Jesus Christ.
- 3) We, as God's people, have immortality waiting for us in the next life.
- 4) Death of the believer brings freedom from the pains and struggles of this broken world.





"The Lord is my Light and my_ Salvation — whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — whom should I dread?...I am certain that I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:1,13,14)



