

AWARE of the Imminent – the Return of Your Spirit

AWARE Series (AWARE-04)

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- Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 ... For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 – Three-part being – spirit, soul, body.
 - Death – body dies, spirit and soul live on
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 ... for then we will be at home with the Lord.
- Just like we don't know the time or the day of the return of Jesus to the earth, we don't know the time or the day of our return to God.
- Hope for the Best, prepare for the Better than Best – to live is Christ to die is gain (Philippians 1:21)

Long Life

- Psalm 91:14-16 ...I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.”
- Ephesians 6:1-3 ...If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”
- There is a difference between God knowing the number of our days and God determining the number of our days
- Job 14:5 ...You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live...
- Psalm 139:16 ...Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
- God's will vs. God's knowledge

Brief Life

- James 4:14 ... Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.
- Psalm 144:3-4 ...For we are like a breath of air; our days are like a passing shadow.
- Psalm 39:4 ...“LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be
- AWARE – Always Watching And Ready Everyday

Always Ready to Go Home

- Matthew 6:25-34
 - Don't worry about everyday life
 - Can worry add a single moment to your life?
 - These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers
 - Seek God's kingdom above all else, live righteously
 - God will give you everything you need
 - Don't worry about tomorrow
- Psalm 90:12 (NLT2) Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.
- Psalm 90:12 (NASB) So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.
- Hebrews 9:27-28 (NLT2) 27 And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, 28 so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.
 - Jesus took your judgment of hell
 - Be reconciled to God
 - Believers judged (rewarded) for deeds
- 2 Corinthians 5:10

No Fear

- Hebrews 2:14-15 ... only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ...Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.
- Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil

Conclusion

- AWARE – Always Watching And Ready Everyday – to go home (your spirit return to God who gave it)
- Uncertain time of going home
- Hope for the best – prepare for the better than best (to die is gain)
- Live today without fear of tomorrow – or fear of death
- How then shall we live? – AWARE of the opportunities (next week)