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Ezekiel 33:11

“As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your wicked ways! For why should you die...” Ezekiel 33:11

Death, even the death of His enemies, brings the Lord of Life no joy! It is a constant reminder of Adam’s sin and the judgment necessary lest all of mankind be doomed to life in eternal death. Such was the fictional life of Dorian Grey. Death places a barrier to such perpetual horror!

While death prevents the eternal dying in the flesh, it also is the gateway to either the joys of those who know and love the Lord and those who, in rebellion, reject God’s love that is demonstrated in His Son, Jesus Christ. To the one, their death is “precious in the sight of the LORD” for it is a removal of the final veil that separates us from Him. (Psalm 116:15). To the other – the one who dies yet in his sin of rejecting God’s Son – natural death is only the prelude to eternal death and separation from God.

For the saint, death is but a door way to our heavenly home. For the wicked, death is the loss of all hope and the certainty of a lasting and final payment for their rebellion and sin – a just and righteous payment.

Saint of God, don’t fear death, face it with a most certain confidence and expectation of good. However if you are living your life outside of God’s goodness and mercy that is only found in Jesus Christ, God has still given you time to repent and accept His gracious offer!

“For He says, "AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU"; behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"--” 2 Corinthians 6:2 NASB

“It is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27)

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