

THERE IS NO TOMORROW

TEXT: (Proverbs 27:1, NIV)

¹ Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

INTRODUCTION

1. "Moses said to Pharaoh, 'I leave to you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile.'
'Tomorrow,' Pharaoh said" (Exodus 8:9-10, NIV).
2. "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2, NIV).
3. "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:37-39, NIV).
4. "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry"'" (Luke 12:18-19, NIV).
5. "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" (Luke 12:20, NIV).

I. THE SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD

A. Always on Time

1. "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day" (II Peter 3:8, NIV).
2. "But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:48-51, NIV).
3. "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness" (II Peter 3:9, NIV).
4. "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9, NIV).
5. "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'" (Ezekiel 33:11, NIV).

B. Utter Destruction

1. "The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare" (II Peter 3:10, NIV).
2. "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:34-35, NIV).

C. The First Resurrection

1. "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever" (I Thessalonians 4:16-17, NIV).
2. "Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left" (Luke 17:33-35, NIV).

II. KEEP GOD IN YOUR PLANS

1. "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes" (James 4:13-14, NIV).
2. "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground" (Psalm 143:10, NIV).
3. "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42, NIV).

A. Avoid Presumption Concerning Your Plans

1. "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21, NIV).

B. Avoid Boastfulness Concerning Your Plans

1. "As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil" (James 4:16, NIV).
2. "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18, NIV).
3. "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1, NIV).

C. Eliminate Conflict with God in Your Planning

1. "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him" (Psalm 34:8, NIV).

II. ALWAYS PREPARED

1. "If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37, NIV).

A. Get Ready

1. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come" (Matthew 24:42, NIV).
2. "In reply Jesus declared, 'I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.'
 "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. 'Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!' Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit'" (John 3:3-5, NIV).

3. "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (Act 2:38, NIV).

B. Stay Ready

- 1 "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away" (Hebrews 2:1, NIV).
2. "It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off. If the old message delivered by the angels was valid and nobody got away with anything, do you think we can risk neglecting this latest message, this magnificent salvation?" (Hebrews 2:1-32, MSG).
3. "But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:48-51, NIV).
4. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come" (Matthew 24:42, NIV)

C. A Solomn Warning

1. "Remember Lot's wife!" (Luke 17:32, NIV).
2. "We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" (Numbers 11:5-6, NIV).
3. "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NIV)