

"THE GREAT APPOINTMENT"**Introduction**

1. "Where can I get the Bible in a nutshell?"
2. This is a perfect statement, like John 3:16
3. I urge you to memorise this text

1. GOD HAS AN APPOINTMENT FOR EVERYONE

- (i) many forget their appointment at the Doctor
- (ii) there are various excuses
- (iii) the same at school re. homework
BUT you + I will keep this appointment

2. THE APPOINTMENT IS TO MEET GOD

- (i) "Prepare to meet thy God"
- (ii) the means is by Death
- (iii) Note "once", not TWICE - Explain
- (iv) God will judge every man for the way we live in this life
OBSERVE: Death is the summons to appear before God
APPLICATION: Then do not live recklessly
ILLUSTRATION: a girl who died on the mountains

3. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR EVERYONE NO MATTER WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IN GOD OR NOT

- (i) A judgement: a PERSONAL judgement
- (ii) Cp. The general judgement
- (iii) "I am not religious" No matter!
This is why death is the "King of terrors". The enemies of God cannot evade death: Exx. Voltaire, Rousseau, Tom Paine...

4. CHRIST WAS ONCE OFFERED

- (i) as we die, so did he - but for us
- (ii) "once": because it was sufficient
- (iii) "bear" the wonderful fact of imputation
- (iv) "sins of many": counter-imputation

ILLUSTRATION: the glorious exchange (X)**APPLICATION:** the OT worshipper laid his hands on the sacrifice.**5. HE SHALL APPEAR THE SECOND TIME**

- (i) 1st for sin; 2nd for salvation
- (ii) Only Christ can deal with our sin:
 - He is the equal of God
 - He is of infinite value
 - He can provide a perfect salvation
 - His 3 offices provide all we need

6. THOSE WHO LOOK FOR HIM

- (i) all who trust in him and love him
- (ii) coming to take them to the glory
- (iii) the people of God long for him to come the second time:
"Maranatha"

APPLICATION: But those who do not love Christ, of course, have every reason to dread his second coming.**CONCLUSION**

Illustration.

O be sure you are right with God!

PSALM**103: 17 - 22****90: 9 - 12****145: 17 - 21**