

I WILL...BEFORE I DIE  
GENESIS 45:26-28

Introduction:

- A. Most of us are familiar with the story of Joseph.
  - 1. His brothers were going to kill him
  - 2. Instead, Reuben convinced them to throw him into a pit.
  - 3. Without Reuben's knowledge the other brothers decided to sell him to the Ishmaelites, who in turn sold him to Potiphar in Egypt
  - 4. Because of the deceitfulness of his sons, Jacob assumed that Joseph was killed by a wild animal.
  - 5. In our Scripture Reading, Jacob has just found out Joseph is still alive and says: "Joseph my son is still alive, I will go see him before I die."
- B. Today many have plans to do certain things before they die.

I.

- A. Ecclesiastes 9:5      B. Psalms 90:10      C. Job 14:1-2
- D. James 4:14      E. Hebrews 9:27

II. Death Is In The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Man

- A. Death came into the world because of \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 2:17
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Death      2. \_\_\_\_\_ Death
  - 3. It is not good for man to live in sin and rebellion.
- B. God never intended for us to live on this earth \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Ecclesiastes 12:7      2. II Corinthians 5:1
- C. These bodies we have right now are not adapted for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. I Corinthians 15:50-57      2. Philippians 3:20-21      3. I John 3:2
- D. Death is especially in the best interest of a \_\_\_\_\_ because
  - 1. It is a \_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 1:21
  - 2. It is \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the Lord. Psalms 116:15

III. Whatever We Intend To Do We Must Do It \_\_\_\_\_ We Die  
Ecclesiastes 9:10

- A. What? Whatever your \_\_\_\_\_ finds to do.
- B. How? With all your \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Why? For there is no \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_,  
or \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ in the grave  
where you are going.
- D. While we are still alive we have the \_\_\_\_\_ to do what  
needs to be done, but after death there is no \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. The Story Of The \_\_\_\_\_ Man And \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:19-31

A. Neither man went to purgatory.

1. Why?
2. There is no such place as purgatory.

B. The rich man realized:

1. He had waited too late to make \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The time to listen and obey God's teaching is while we are still \_\_\_\_\_.

3. There is no second chance after death.

- a. Each person must hear God's word and make \_\_\_\_\_ while there is still time.

b. Hebrews 9:27

V. "\_\_\_\_\_" And "\_\_\_\_\_" Are Important Words In The Bible

A. II Corinthians 6:2    B. Hebrews 3:12-13    C. Hebrews 4:7

VI. Today, We Should Make \_\_\_\_\_ With:

A. All \_\_\_\_\_

1. Brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. Family, friends, and acquaintances outside of Christ. Romans 12:18
3. We are told to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 22:39
4. We are told that if a brother has something against us we should try to make amends. Matthew 5:23-24
5. Philippians 2:3-4

B. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Matthew 22:37
2. Ecclesiastes 12:13
3. I Peter 3:15
4. Matthew 6:33

C. The Result: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In this life. Philippians 4:7
2. The life to come. Matthew 25:34; Revelation 22:14

Conclusion:

- A. Jacob said, "I will go see him before I die."
- B. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE YOU DIE?
- C. HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO PUT IT OFF?
- D. IS YOUR HEART RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD?
- E. IF NOT, WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING ON MAKING IT RIGHT?