

The Value of a Soul #8 Are You Ready?

A few years ago, I was involved in a nasty car accident. As I was driving home after visiting some members of the church, a large vehicle shot out in front of me. The impact happened so quickly that I did not even have time to think, let alone take evasive action.

For a few moments after the crash I sat in a daze, wondering if I had broken bones or injured myself. Gingerly, I eased my way out of the remains of the car and limped to the sidewalk, picking bits of glass from my hands. Looking back at the mess, I thought of how blessed I was to be able to walk away from such a wreck. The insurance assessor said later that it was the easiest car to “write off” that he’d seen in a long time.

Things could have been a lot worse. I had a few cuts and bruises, but I was alive. Thousands of people have met their ends in sudden, unexpected accidents like this.

The Bible says that life is very transient. Peter said that “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the lower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” (1 Pet. 1:24, 25). Our stay upon the earth is but for a short time, “. . . For man goes to his eternal home while mourners go about in the street . . . the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.” (Eccles. 12:5, 7). Most of us do not know when the sands of time will run out, “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you. . .’” (Lk. 12:20).

Any one of us could be taken; swiftly, unexpectedly, suddenly—at any minute. Are you ready? Are you helping others also to be ready?

“For what is the hope of the godless when he is cut off, when God requires his life?” (Job 27:8).