

1. INTRODUCTION:

Our exit from this life is more important than our entrance into it. We are born unconscious and some leave this life in the same...unconscious when death comes. Still most of us are aware that the curtain is going down and some, not all, are prepared to step gracefully off the stage of life.

2. SEVEN TIMES THE DYING SAVIOUR SPOKE ON THE CROSS:

1. Three of his utterances concerned men:

1. To one man he gave the promise that he would that day be with Him in Paradise.
2. To another, John, he confided his mother.
3. To the mass of spectators he made mention of His thirst.

2. Three of His utterances were addressed to God.

1. To the Father he prayed for his murderers.
2. To God he uttered His mournful plaint.
3. And now into the hands of His Father he commands his spirit.

3. One statement in the hearing of God and men.

1. He cried, "It is finished."

3. FATHER INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT. In the Father's hand is the place of eternal security.

1. When God's hand had secured the door of the ark, no harm could befall Noah and his family.
2. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Heb. 10:31
 - 1a. Fall: loosely, carelessly, out of control into the hand of Justice not the hand of Love.
3. The hand of God is the Beacon of light amidst the darkness of death itself.
4. The hand of God is the Harbour of Shelter from storms.
5. The hand of God is a refuge from the gales of life and from the terrors of death.

4. HIS WORDS ARE NOT, "FATHER RECEIVE MY BODY."

1. Not a request to receive his body, take care of my dust. His care all along had been his soul.
2. With his last breath he commits his soul to the custody of God. LORD, secure the jewel when the casket is broken.

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