We all await our turn.

Life is a gift. Eternity is a certainty.



Having worked in a strategic and sensitive place like the accident and emergency ward of a very large hospital, I acquired an understanding that had eluded me all these years. I saw people of every kind come in, or be rushed into the ward, only to be wheeled out minutes, hours or days later—many times to the morgue. Some gasped for breath; others gazed at nothing; others passed peacefully.

The other day I passed a man who was gasping for air and receiving treatment. A few moments later I returned to find an empty bed, its cover changed, waiting for the next occupant. There was no shout of pain. To the medical personnel on duty, nothing out of the ordinary had occurred. The man was gone from the earth—for ever.

This is the road we must all take, unless Christ returns while we are alive. Looking at life from a higher perspective, we are all awaiting our turn to die once.

> *"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." — Hebrews 9:27 (KJV)*

Every birthday, every breath and every heartbeat draws us closer to our dying day. Medical expertise may delay the moment, but is old age guaranteed? Why did Jesus die as a young man? Why did John the Baptist die so young? Perhaps you will say it was their destiny. Who does not have a destiny? Don't you?

"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." — James 4:13–14 (KJV)

But we need not live in fear of death. It is a transition from a temporary residence to a permanent one. Our hope of eternal life is in Christ Jesus.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6 (KJV)

The price of our heavenly home was so great that we could never pay it; salvation is offered freely through Jesus Christ. Repent and put your faith in Him. Let us be wise about our earthly desires and pursuits. May we meet in the new city.

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