

Living the Truth: Chapter 52

Death and Judgement

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God's Warning.

- He tells me that death is inevitable.
- He warns me to be always ready to die.
- He tells me what death is: the dissolution of the human composite.

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Kinds of Death.

- Final perseverance — death in a state of grace — a happy death.
- Final impenitence — death in personal mortal sin — a bad death.
- The folly of putting off conversion.
- Examples of death-bed repentance.

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Effects of Death.

- It strips from us all worldly goods forever.
- It ends forever our chance of merit.
- It brings before us the dread alternative: heaven or hell forever.

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The First Judgment.

- The Particular Judgement. The General Judgement. Need for each.
- It implies: examination, sentence, execution.
- How each is carried out; and where.

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The Worldling's View of Death.

- The greatest evil.
- Refusal to think about it.
- Fear of it poisons happiness.

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The Catholic's View of Death.

- A going home.
- A birthday into heaven.
- God's last grace to us on earth.

Means He has left us to die well

- Last Confession.
- Last Communion.
- Extreme Unction.
- Last Blessing.

Practical Conclusions.

- 1 I should do now what I shall wish to have done at death.
- 2 I should often pray for the dying.
- 3 I should love the Hail Mary, since in it I ask for Our Lady to obtain for me the grace of a happy death.
- 4 I should also have Masses said for this great grace.
- 5 I should hate sin with all my heart, since it alone can make me miserable at death.