

“THE GREAT APPOINTMENT”**Introduction**

1. “Where can I get the Bible in a nutshell?”
2. This is a perfect statement, like John 3:16
3. I urge you to memorise this text.

1. GOD HAS AN APPOINTMENT FOR EVERYONE

- (i) Many forget their appointment at the Doctor
- (ii) there are various excuses
- (iii) the same at school re. homework
BUT you and I will keep this appointment.

2. THE APPOINTMENT IS TO MEET GOD

- (i) “Prepare to meet thy God”
- (ii) the means is by Death
- (iii) Note “once”, not TWICE – Explain.
- (iv) God will judge every man for the way we live in this life.
OBSERVE: Death is the summons to appear before God.
APPLICATION: They do not live recklessly.
ILLUSTRATION: a girl who died on the mountains.

3. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR EVERYONE, NO MATTER WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IN GOD OR NOT

- (i) a judgement: a PERSONAL judgement
- (ii) Cp. the general judgement
- (iii) “I am not religious”. No matter!
This is why death is the “King of terrors”. The enemies of God cannot evade death:
Exx. Voltaire, Rousseau, Tom Paine...

4. CHRIST WAS ONCE OFFERED

- (i) as we die, so did he – but for us
- (ii) “once”: because it was sufficient
- (iii) “bear”: the wonderful fact of imputation.
- (iv) “sins of many”: counter-imputation

ILLUSTRATION: the glorious exchange (X)**APPLICATION**: The O.T. worshipper laid his hands on the sacrifice.**5. HE SHALL APPEAR THE SECOND TIME**

- (i) 1st for sin; 2nd for salvation
- (ii) Only Christ can deal with our sin:
 - He is the equal of God
 - He is of infinite value
 - He can provide a perfect salvation
 - His 3 offices provide all we need

6. THOSE WHO LOOK FOR HIM

- (i) all who trust in him and love him.
- (ii) coming to take them to the glory
- (iii) the people of God long for him to come the second time:
“Maranatha”.
APPLICATION: But those who do not love Christ, of course, have every reason to dread his second coming.

CONCLUSION**ILLUSTRATION**: O be sure you are right with God!**PSALM****103: 17 – 22****90: 9 – 12****145²: 17 - 21**