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Preparing to Die

The Bible says, "**Prepare to meet thy God**" (Amos 4:12). In preparing to die, one might have his **will made** and his **house in order**, but he is **not prepared to die until he is prepared to meet God!**

In preparing for his demise, Mike Hanzas who lived alone, bought a cemetery lot and a casket. One day Mike invited a nephew and the rest of his family to visit him. After a hearty meal, Mike began to **dispense personal things**. Then he handed his nephew **his will**. As he did this, he **dropped dead of heart failure!** So far as we know, Mike had **made every provision for his body but none for his soul!** Yes, he was prepared to die as far as this life goes, but **was he prepared to meet God? Was he prepared for what follows death?** The Bible says, "*It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*" (Hebrews 9:27). "*God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil*" (Ecclesiastes 12:14). "*So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God*" (Romans 14:12).

A person is **not prepared to die and meet God at the judgment until he has repented** of his sins and **accepted Jesus Christ** as His Savior. He alone is "*the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin*" (John 1:29) of those who trust in Him. In John 14:6, Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*" See www.naog.ws/the-way.htm Our sins are forgiven and we are brought into fellowship with God **only when we repent of our sins**. The Bible says, "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*" (1 John 1:9). **Have you done that?** If not, do it **now** because "**now is the day of salvation**" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Take time right now to "**Prepare to meet thy God!**"