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Our lifespan is extremely short, like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away (*James 4:14*) or like the flower that quickly fades and dies (*Isaiah 40:6-8*). From this perspective, death is drawing near for all of us. Our God is presently calling out a people for His Name (*Acts 15:14*) and building His Church (*Matt. 16:18*), not willing that any should perish (*2 Pet. 3:9*). Soon this building project will be completed, and Christ will take us home (*John 14:1-3*). We know not when we shall take our last breath, just as we know not the day or the hour of our Lord’s Coming for us. We do know that if the Rapture were to happen first, then we would not die (*1 Cor 15:51*), and if death should precede the Rapture, then those raptured later will not precede us in receiving our new bodies (*1 Thess. 4:15*).

We need to be ready for our death (*2 Tim. 4:6*); we need to be ready for our Lord’s Coming, which could happen at any moment (*Luke 12:35-40*). Our readiness is manifest by our ***servng*** and ***shining*** (*Luke 12:35*)!

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