

I. The Substitute

- A. Shall not die/shall die
- B. An offense against God is too great to be simply ignored. (1 Samuel 2:17; Psalm 51:4)
- C. Saved by the death of his son

II. The Pleading of the King

- A. Pleading, not mourning.
- B. There are examples in Scripture of God “passing sentence” but changing his mind when his prophets intervene. (Exodus 32:7-14; 2 Kings 20; Acts 2:30)
- C. Christians and the dying
  - i. we pray with an urgency that few understand
  - ii. we mourn with limits that few understand (Philippians 1:21; Isaiah 25:6-8; Revelation 7:17; 21:4; Ezekiel 18:32; Romans 8:28)
  - iii. death is a door beyond which our prayers do no good (Hebrews 9:27)

III. When I Awake

- A. “I am going to him, but he will not return to me.”
- B. Where we go when we die (Psalm 17:15; 73:24; 2 Peter 3:13; Luke 23:43)
- C. Innocence and the destiny of infants (Romans 1:19-20; Deuteronomy 1:34-39 with Genesis 2:9; 2 Samuel 19:1-2; Genesis 18:25)

IV. Comfort, Peace, Beloved

- A. Bathsheba and Michal (1 Samuel 18; 2 Samuel 6, 11; 1 Kings 1-2)
- B. The child of peace
- C. God's chosen
- D. A Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7)