

I enjoyed such fellowship. There lies that body that he formerly occupied. Death is a reality. It is something that comes into the life of all of us, and comes often suddenly. We talked with a man today, tomorrow he is gone. Gone forever. We enter into activities, there is a person there, constantly, we're talking with him, we're thinking of things he is thinking about, we are enjoying his fellowship, but here he is gone. We will never again in this life have a chance to talk with him. Death is a reality of life. Something that will come to every one of us if our Lord tarries, something that every human being has contact with, and has to face, as a fact of life. And yet, our second point, Death is unnatural. It is utterly unnatural. God did not make us for that. God did not make that body that moves around and talks and is living and active, to lie there insensible, incapable of thought or expression. God did not make us for that. Death is an unnatural thing in life. It is something that is here, we have to face it, we have to meet it, we all shall experience it if the Lord tarries, and yet it is something that is quite unnatural, it is out of joint.

Number 3, Death is the result of sin. People go along in their life and pay no attention to the things of God, they enjoy their daily pleasures of one sort or another, and are satisfied, this is all there is to life as far as they are concerned, but every one of us them meets up with this fact of death. Every one of them has loved ones who suddenly go, every one of them has companions in life who suddenly are gone from the scene of activity. It is unnatural but it is present, it is ~~not~~ vital, it is everywhere. And it is one of God's means of bringing to the attention of the world the fact that this unnatural thing has come because of man's sin, by man came death, if it were not for man's sin, there would not be this unnatural thing of death. It is one of the many results, one of the strongest, one of the clearest, one of the most widespread of the many results of the sin that came upon the world, when man turned away from God. We all know the story in Gen.2.2. We all know how God said, in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt die, and man sinned, man turned away from God, and death came upon the human