What Is Dying?

by Charles H. Brent

Death is not the end of a person's existence, but rather the end of our physical presence, and reality remains unchanged.

Scripture: John 11:25, 2 Corinthians 4:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:13, Revelation 21:4
Topics: "Eternal Life", "Heavenly Reunion"

Description

Charles H. Brent delivers a sermon using the analogy of a ship sailing into the horizon to illustrate the concept of life and death. He emphasizes that when a loved one passes away, they are not truly gone but have simply moved out of our sight. Their presence and impact remain unchanged, and they are still capable of reaching their eternal destination. Brent encourages the congregation to shift their perspective from loss to anticipation, knowing that one day they will be reunited with their departed loved ones in a joyous reunion.

Transcript

I am standing on the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her until at length she is a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says, "There! She's gone!" Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and she is just as able to bear her load of living weight to her destined harbor.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, "There! She's gone!" There are other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!"

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