

# *Frankly Speaking Notes...*

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## END THINGS

This article is not going to be what I set out to do. I started with a specific idea, and I will get to it before I finish, but there is so much more to “end things,” than I thought.

According to the American Standard Version of the Bible, there are 316 verses with the word “end” in them. The first one that appears comes from Genesis 6:13 where Jehovah said, “...[the end of all flesh is come before me.](#)” That one reminds me of Hebrews 9:27 where the Bible says, “[it is appointed unto man once to die.](#)” That is the end of ones life.

There is enough information in those 316 versus to do a whole series of articles but I will not attempt that now.

We are all familiar with “end things.” End of life, end of seasons, end of an era and so it goes.

**If we are experiencing great difficulties and pain**, we pray for its end and rejoice when it comes. I have been almost a lifelong sufferer of migraine headaches and have thought at times that one could not long endure such pain. However, there were days on end, (the longest 32 days) when about all I could do was hold my head. Three years ago those headaches ended and you can rest assured I rejoice about that.

**Then there are times when a person’s career ends.** Some look upon it with relish because it gives them time, usually toward the end of their lives, to do other things they would like to do. I have known people who made a whole list of things they would like to do before they die. Now I do not understand that, and never have. But I guess it is “different strokes for different folks.” I just think, what does it matter what we have done when it is all over, unless it has enhanced our chances of glory and the enjoyment of the hereafter?

**Others are saddened by it because they no longer are able to do things they love.** There is one thing for sure however, if you live long enough, you are going to understand what it means to be “unable.” Unable to do many of the things you once did and enjoyed; unable to enjoy the pleasures you once knew; unable to be of service in a way you would like. That is just a fact of life.

**I am reminded of something most of us have read** about in the Old Testament. When Hezekiah was King of Judah he became very ill. Isaiah the prophet was sent with a message. “**In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.**” (Isaiah 38:1) The account is also recorded in 2 Kings 20.

As you can imagine Hezekiah was scared, as many people would be. He prayed to God and asked Isaiah to intervene for him and for God to change his mind. God relented! Hezekiah had some experience with praying to God before so he had some expectation of success.

When Sennacherib was about to take Judah by storm God told him he would not be able to do it because He, God, would protect Jerusalem because of Him and because of David. When one reads the account, it is realized that the end of Sennacherib’s army came to pass. 185,000 of his army was destroyed by Jehovah when they tried to take Jerusalem. (2 Kings 19)

All things will come to an end and none of us know when. Peter said, “**But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**” (2Peter 3:10)

Therefore we all should “set our house in order,” especially those whose lives have been long and for all practical purposes ours are nearer than most. And setting the house in order should be more than just temporal affairs. We should act as in view of eternity.

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