

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep

(Numbers 23:10)

- Introduction:
1. While growing up, I was taught two “standard prayers” to pray when I was a little boy.
 2. As I have grown older, I’ve considered another prayer that could be prayed by changing the words just a bit.
 3. It’s that “edited” prayer that I would like to challenge you with tonight.

I. If I Should Die Before I Wake...

- A. “If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.”
- B. That’s something for which we should all be praying.
- C. (James 4:13-14).
- D. (Luke 12:19-20).
- E. (John 14:6; Revelation 20:11-15).
- F. (Acts 2:14-47).

II. If I Should Wake Before I Die...

- A. “If I should wake before I die...then what?
- B. Should this not also be a prayer we should be praying?
- C. Even Balaam prayed for his death, but he apparently had no concerns about praying for his life.
- D. How are we going to secure our future salvation or eternal salvation?
 1. Salvation from past sins (Mark 16:16).
 2. Salvation for eternity in heaven (2 Peter 1:5-11).
- E. We should be praying for God’s help to do good.
 1. (Acts 10:38).
 2. (Titus 2:7,14; 3:8,14).
 3. (Mark 9:41).
 4. Also, remember that we need to do this good regardless of how people treat us (Hebrews 12:4; Job 1:9).

- Conclusion:
1. So, let me conclude this lesson with two questions.
 - a. If you die before tomorrow morning, how are you going to spend eternity?
 - b. If you wake up tomorrow morning, how are you going to spend the rest of your life?
 2. If you’ve been searching for a worthwhile “New Year’s Resolution,” I think I’ve just given you one.