"A Step Between Me and Death"

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Text: 1 Samuel 20:3

Introduction:
1. Setting out of which text comes
   a. David living in flight from Saul, that death might come at any time.
2. This is true of all of us.
   a. Sometimes we ministers are very conscious of this fact.
      1. We cannot lose sight of it
      2. Constantly being impressed upon us
      3. Wednesday two weeks ago Gene Fair. I was going into bank; called me there.
      4. Let Jean or Susan know where I am almost all the time
   b. Because so many of the people of the day seem to forget it, I want to speak to you about that step tonight.
      1. Mrs. Voorhees saying no one talked to her about it. Do not want you to be able to say that.
3. Some things about that step.

I. It is a certain step
   1. Only two people who have never taken it
      a. Enoch
      b. Elijah
   2. It is a common occurrence in life
      a. We all know it.
   3. Many live as though it were not so
      a. Seems so foolish to me
      b. Prepare for other things
         1. Taxes
         2. Winter, etc.

II. Uncertain step
   1. Time is uncertain
   2. Place is uncertain
   3. Conditions are unknown
a. One week four funerals
   1. Guynes did not know end was so near.
   2. Carl Faust to doctor and being examined.
   3. Dr. McLean
   4. Virginia Heflin
4. Do not know when
5. Could not plan a best time
6. Cannot choose

III. A separating step
   1. Separates from loved ones
      a. May be more over there
      b. But we leave those over here
   2. Separates from earthly things
      a. All things had intended to do
      b. Good deeds
      c. Earthly expectations
   3. Many things may find do not need
      a. Gipsy Smith tells about
         1. $100 to church for mission
         2. Gave another $100 for another
         3. Dead in a few weeks
         4. God knew she would never need to go to old ladies home
      b. Too many of us are preparing for the future of this life and neglecting the eternal future.

IV. A lonely step
   1. No one can go with us
      a. Family
      b. Friends
   2. Christ alone can take that step with us
      a. Bill Anderson and father; Bill holding his hand

V. Final step
   1. All over now so far as earth is concerned
2. Your destiny is settled
   a. What road are you on?
   b. Where will you end up being?
3. Some will go to hell
   a. Not because God wants it
4. Will you end up in heaven because you trusted Christ?

Conclusion:
1. Thief on the cross
   a. Came to face death
   b. Saw Christ as Savior
1. Turned to Him, when enter into kingdom remember me.
2. Today thou shalt be with me in paradise.
   c. Placed faith in Christ
      1. No time for good works
      2. No time to join church
      3. No time to be baptized
   d. One lost, none present
   e. One saved, none lose heart
2. Come to Christ now.