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## **Lord willing, WBC will preach Christ to Kobe Bryant's fans on the occasion of his death, which occurred January 26, 2020**



**Kobe Bean Bryant quit this earth on Sunday, January 26, 2020, cut down in the prime of a life that overflowed with temporal blessings. Money. Fame. Talent. Accolades. Adoration. Perhaps one of the most well-known and beloved athletes of his generation. But as is so often the case, he squandered his position of fame, fortune and influence, and now he no longer draws breath. While alive, every time he spoke, cameras would roll and social media would become abuzz with his words. Did he use that considerable platform to encourage the youths of this world to “fear God, and keep his commandments?” No. Did he regularly give God the glory, in earnest, for his position in life? No. Did he influence those around him to repent of their sins and to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? No. Did he plainly denounce sin as sin, and encourage people to strive against sin and to obey God? No. And now he will draw no more breath. Ever. Make no mistake about it, God killed Kobe. The Lord was not on vacation, nor was He taking a nap.**

***I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. (De. 32:39) Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. (Job 12:9,10) The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. (1Sam. 2:6)***

**Kobe has no more space for repentance. The preponderance of evidence suggests that Kobe Bryant did not live a life of service unto God, but lived as most men do – to please themselves and to fashion a moral position that allows for them to still be thought of as ‘good men.’ While his eternal prospects do not look good, the proper preaching at the occasion of his death is for the living, not the dead. To the young people: you are not guaranteed a long life – repent of your sins now and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ while you still have breath of life! To the rich people: use your extra resources in earnest service unto the Lord – and quit fooling yourselves into thinking that you already do! To the old people: dying time is truth time – and your time is short. Repent and believe on Christ before the Lord cuts you down! To the preachers: Quit pandering to the mob and preaching Kobe Bryant into heaven. Preach on sin! Preach on hell! Quit taking people to hell with your soul-damning lies about God loving everyone! To Kobe Bryant's fans everywhere: Don't live your life as Kobe lived his – he is a poor example for you. Fear God & keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man (Ec. 12:13)**