

Week 37 – The Bottom Line About The End Times

Now, What Should We Do?

What should we then do in regards to His coming and the future fulfillment of His Kingdom?

Do God's Business.

Jesus said, “Occupy until I come” (Luke 19:13). All genuine believers are to be engaged in society with a disposition of occupation (Acts 1:5-8). We are not to have “our heads in the clouds” in that unhealthy preoccupation about His coming which has led many believers to a “retreat” mentality. Rather than cowering in defensive subcultures, we are to season our societies:

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matthew 5:13-14)

Live Sensibly and Godly.

“Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!” (2 Peter 3:11-12)

Be Prepared.

The Lord Jesus continuously tells us to be prepared (Matthew 24:42-51; Luke 21:36; Ephesians 5:27) and eagerly await His coming (I Corinthians 1:7; Titus 2:13). His coming will be as a thief (I Thessalonians 5:2-3), the unprepared and unsuspecting will be taken off-guard. The essential question is, “Will you be at your post when the inspection occurs?”

Pray “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Pray for the Lord to come again (Revelation 22:20). In praying this way we are agreeing with the ultimate intention of God in the earth, for the bride and the Lamb to be united as one. This prayer at the end of Revelation, “Come, Lord Jesus,” encompasses God’s heart for a universal revival and the restoration of the church in the fullness of Christ.

Scripture clearly tells us that nobody knows when He will return (Matthew 24:27, 36; Mark 13:32-33), only that He will return. His second coming will be the glorious culmination of human history, thus scripture calls this our “blessed hope.”

When he appears, we will be transformed into His likeness (1 John 3:2-3). As true followers of Christ we long for this event, we welcome His appearing (Greek “parousia” - appearing, manifestation) and live in such a way that we are ever ready, as He will return quickly, suddenly... “like a thief in the night.” (1 Thessalonians 5:2)

Review

1. What should be our primary attitude about the Second Coming of Christ?
2. What does it mean to be prepared?