

Watch  
Matthew 24:32-51

- I. Setting
  - A. Matthew 24:1-3
  - B. Question: When shall these things be? Answer: Luke 21:20-24 (This is concerning the destruction of the Temple, which Jesus had foretold in verse 2, that happened in 70 A.D. by the Roman general, Titus.
  - C. Question: What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Answer: Matthew 24:4-33.
  - D. The remainder of chapter 24 is an admonition concerning the Rapture of the church (unknown by the Jews because the Gentile church did not yet exist.)
- II. The Days of Noah (verses 37-39).
  - A. They were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage.
  - B. Genesis 6:5 “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”
  - C. They knew not until the flood came (verse 39). It was not that they were not warned that it would come but they were unaware of the time of it as we do not know exactly when Christ will come. II Peter 2:5 says that Noah was a preacher of righteousness. There was a message going out but they gave it no heed.
- III. The Admonition for Us Is WATCH.
  - A. Matthew 24:42 “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”
    - 1. Matthew 24:36
    - 2. Matthew 24:44
    - 3. He will come as a thief in the night. I Thessalonians 5:2
      - a. Unannounced
      - b. Quickly
      - c. Taking only what He considers valuable.
      - d. Malachi 3:17b “ ... in that day when I make up my jewels;”
        - i. He will not take any costume jewelry. Not everyone is taken only those that are Christ’s. (verses 40-41)
        - ii. Only the real (the redeemed).
  - B. How to Watch.
    - 1. Be Prepared (packed up and ready to go).
      - a. Jesus is coming for His Own so you must be one of His.
      - b. Romans 10:9-10 and 13.

- c. There will be no time to prepare then.
- 2. Be Ready. Be Alert.
  - a. No last minute corrections.
  - b. Keep short accounts with God. I John 1:9
  - c. I John 2:28 “And now, little children abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.”
  - d. Keep short accounts with others also.
  - e. We do not want anything between us and Him nor do we want anything between us and our brother or sister or anyone.
- 3. Be Warning Others.
  - a. Those that are not ready need to be warned to be ready.
  - b. We need to live as if Christ will come at any time, so that others will see and realize that we believe what we say we do.
  - c. No one should be left that hasn't had an invitation to be ready.