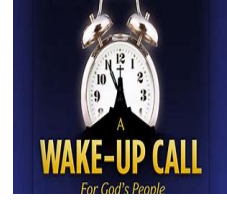




Faith Missionary Baptist Church



BIBLE STUDY

[Tuesday & Wednesday]

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LESSON 13

Know That The End of This World Is Near

Matt 24:3-31, 2 Tim. 3:1-7

INTRODUCTION

God in his infinite wisdom created signs and seasons to give us hints as to what will take place in the future. He does this so we will not be caught off guard concerning his purposes and plans. My grandfather use to say, "Prepare for war in the time of peace." When he spoke those words, I did not quite understand what he meant. However, I did take notice of the word, "prepare." Preparation is necessary for everything we do in life. The Bible tells us in many places that the world as we know it, will one day come to an end. Jesus will come and set up his eternal kingdom and reign forever.

We can look all around us and see the devastation and destruction on every hand and know that this world cannot last forever. We are presently amid a worldwide pandemic called -Covid 19. Millions are dying. Violence and upheaval is all over the globe. Earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, floods, are regular occurrences. If an elephant was in your room you would not need to ask anyone what is that? Unless you did not know what an elephant is. In other words, some things are so obvious that you can see them and know right away what it is.

During the three and a half years of his public ministry, Jesus said much about his coming and the end of the age. He spoke many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Many of the hearers who heard him teach did not grasp the meaning of his words because of the hardness of their hearts. Many just refused to accept his words. Jesus wanted his disciples to know and understand about the events leading up to the end of the age.

While Jesus did not pinpoint a date, he did tell us to watch for certain signs as mentioned earlier in the Gospels. The signs Jesus mentioned lets us know to get ready for the time is swiftly approaching. Jesus taught many parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and end time prophecies. Considering what Jesus said, Christians should not be caught off guard; but there will be many who will be.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION: What end-time sign attracts your attention the most?

1st Reading-Matthew 24:3-5.....*The Quest For End-Time Signs*

- A. Location of discourse: Mount of Olives-(Favorite get-away for Jesus and the disciples)
- B. The disciples question: When will the end be?
- C. Warning: Don't be deceived (about the date and details)
- D. False Christ's will come pretending to be Christ

2nd Reading-Matthew 24:6-7.....*Nations Will Be AT War*

- A. Wars and rumours of wars
- B. These things must come to pass
- C. The end is not yet-more signs to come
- D. Nation against nation- kingdom against kingdom (Happening now)
- E. Pestilence- Famine – Scattered earthquakes

3rd Reading- Matthew 24:8-10.....*These Signs Are The Beginning of Sorrows*

- A. *Many more signs will be coming-this is just the beginning. (How bad will it get?)*
- B. Persecution of Christians
- C. Hatred and betrayal on the rise

4th Reading-Matthew 24:11-14.....*False Prophets On The Rise But The Gospel Will Spread Fast*

- A. False prophets will deceive many
- B. Love will wax cold –(Murder mass-scale)
- C. *Worldwide Preaching of the Kingdom (gospel of the kingdom specified)*
- D. Why? For a witness that God reached out giving man opportunity to be saved
- D. Then the end will come.

5th Reading- Matthew 24:15-18.....*Notice Daniel’s Prophecy In Daniel 9:24-27*

- A. Anti-Christ will desecrate the temple by putting a stature of himself
- B. Those in Judea run to the mountain-danger
- C. Times of eminent danger when people will be on the run.

5th Reading-Matthew 24:19-21.....*The Time of The Great Tribulation*

- A. Woe to pregnant women
- B. Winter and sabbath journeys will be dangerous
- C. There shall be great tribulation as never was or will be. (Spelled out in greater detail in Revelation Chapters 8-9)

6th Reading-Matthew 24:22-24.....*Beware of False Prophets*

- A. If the days are not shortened only the elect will be saved
- B. Days will be shortened for the elect’s sake
- C. Don’t believe the lies of false prophets
- D. They will perform miracles
- E. Notice “If it were possible” – they shall deceive the elect
- F. Jesus will not let it happen.

7th Reading Matthew 24:25-28.....*Jesus Repeated Warning*

- A. Jesus warns the disciples and us again
- B. Watch what they say-If they say, “He is here or there- believe it not
- C. Jesus return will be unpredictable as lightning (can’t detect from which direction).
- D. Example: The eagles gather where the carcass is.

8th Reading Matthew 24:29-31.....*Drastic Drama In The Solar System- All Lights Out*

- A. Sun will be black
- B. Moon will be black
- C. Stars will fall from their sockets
- D. Powers of galaxy will be shaken
- E. Jesus will be seen in heaven (atmosphere)
- F. Tribes and nations will mourn at the sight of Jesus. (See Rev. 1:7)
- G. Angels shall gather the elect from North, South, East, and West

9th Reading- 2 Timothy 3:1-7.....*Signs of The Last Days*

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| A. men lovers Of themselves | F. disobedient to parents | K. false accusers | P. heady |
| B. covetous | G. unthankful | L. incontinent | Q. high-minded |
| C. boasters | H. unholy | M. fierce | R. lovers of pleasures |
| D. proud | I. Without natural affection, | N. despisers of good | S. form of godliness |
| E. blasphemers | J. trucebreakers, | O. Traitors | T. deny the power |
| | | | U. Creepers |

Spiritual Applications of The Lesson

1. Pay attention to the end-time signs.
2. Stay well versed in the scriptures.
3. Develop a daily devotional prayer life.
4. Pay attention to what is happening on the local, state, national, and international news.
5. Don’t be fearful of the times.
6. Stay focused on the greatness and power of God
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

MEMORY VERSES: “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” ----Matthew 24:30

