

“Are you Ready”?



What earthly threats do you fear?

What does God want you to do, to be better prepared for them?

Three things Jesus and his Disciples told us to prepare for:

1) Satan/Temptation

John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

1 Peter 5:8 *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Ephesians 6:11 *Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

2) False Prophets

Luke 21:8 *He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.*

Mathew 24:24 *For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 *Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*

3) Lord's Return

Matthew 24: 36-41 *“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.*

Matthew 25: 1-13 *“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’*

⁹ ““No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

What changes in your life will help you prepare for these things?

The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) NIV

Next Steps ...

- ◇ I commit to ask God to help me be better prepared for earthly and spiritual trials.
- ◇ I commit to ask God to help me have faith and be released from my pride, need for control or anxiety.
- ◇ I commit to being prepared for Christ's coming and I turn my life over to Him.
- ◇ I commit to be obedient to Christ and be baptized.
- ◇ I want more info on how to join the NW Baptist Disaster Relief.

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