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"ARE YOU PREPARED TO MEET GOD?"

*A CALL TO WAKEN THE CHURCH
AND AN INVITATION TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST*

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Theme and Text of The Study

What a Great Title I've Been Given for This 2007
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**"The Day of The Lord Draws Near -
Prepare To Meet Thy God"**

"Prepare To Meet God"

*I almost feel like I should be wearing a white robe,
a long flowing beard and a sandwich board saying...*

**Of Course When I say
"Prepare To Meet God"**

God Who? What God Am I Talking About?

Ex. 3:6

Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Jesus Quotes This Scripture and Says...

Matt. 22:32

*"I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" ?
God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."*

“Are You Prepare To Meet God?”

Amos 4:12

“Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel;
Because I will do this to you, **Prepare to meet your God**, O Israel!”

**I Think By Now We Have All Seen That Tragic Bridge Collapse
in Minnesota?**

ABC news anchorman; Charles Gibson said

*“This seems impossible to me, what good does it do to be careful, to look both
ways before you cross, careful to wear your seatbelt
only to have the road beneath you give out!”*

When We **Wear Our Seatbelts
there’s a sense of security – but are we safe?**

When We Have Some Sort of Religion **On
there’s a sense of security– but are we safe?**

Matt. 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to
destruction, and there are many who go in by it. :14 Because narrow *is* the gate and
difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Are You Prepared To Meet God?

#1 What are you **wearing to the meeting?**

Matt. 22:1-2,11-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: :2 “The kingdom
of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,... :11 “But when
the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a
wedding garment. :12 So he said to him, “Friend, how did you come in here without a
wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. :13 Then the king said to the servants,
“Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ :14 “For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”

Because what you’re **wearing - matters now!**

The Lighting Matters

Rom. 13:11-14

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. :12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore **let us cast off** the works of darkness, and **let us put on the armor of light**. :13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. :14 But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, *to fulfill its lusts*.

The More Bible That You Put On In Your Life,
The Better Dressed You Are for Heaven.

Rev. 19:7-8,14

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” :8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and bright**, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.... :14 And the armies (the church, the bride) in heaven, clothed in **fine linen, white and clean**, followed Him on white horses.

Are You Prepared To Meet God?

#2 Are you **prepared** for the meeting?

Because what you're **doing** - matters now!

What does “getting prepared” look like?

Christian, Listen - - The Hour is Late!

(it's later than it's ever been)

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And whatever you're doing that is not pleasing to Christ,
stop it // **change** it // **repent** of it now

It's seen in our choices. The decisions we make and why we make them.
It's seen in our investments of energy, time and money.

What we're doing now matters because it speaks **outwardly** of what we are **inwardly**.

1John 1:5-9

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, **that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.** :6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not **practice the truth (way of life)**.....

....:7 But if we **walk in the light as He is in the light**, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** :8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. :9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Rev. 3:11

Jesus Said - - Behold, I am coming quickly!

Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

The Warning is This... *don't lick electrical outlets.*

Gal. 6:7-8

Do not be (**stop it**) deceived (**walking off the path**), God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. :8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Every day you and I are sowing to things
that will grow up and point to what we were thinking about
at that time of our lives...

Eph. 5:1-5

Therefore be **imitators** of God as dear children. :2 And **walk in love**, as Christ also has loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. :3 **Let there be no** (pornia) sexual immorality, impurity, (arousel outside of marriage) or greed (idolatry) among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. :4 Obscene stories, foolish (dirty) talk, and coarse (filthy) jokes—these are not of the believer. Instead, **let there be thankfulness** to God. :5 For this you know, that no fornicator, (sexual conduct outside of marriage) unclean person, (dirty mindedness) nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Every Day You & I Are Making Deposits
in to what **WE** think is Important.

Gal. 5:17-23

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. :18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. :19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, :20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, :21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. :22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, :23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

1Cor. 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Are You Prepared To Meet God?

#3 What **time** is the meeting?

Because what **time** it is - matters now!

That's a Good Question.

What time is the meeting, when will see Jesus?

Remember, Jesus Said - - Behold, I am coming quickly!

When the "time" comes, - it will be "quick"

there are two "physical comings" of Jesus Christ.

#1

Was when he physically came to Jerusalem, to the Jewish people in Israel, Easter week of 32 a.d.

Zech. 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

That was His First Coming...

#2

He will be returning again physically, the second time.
To the Jewish people in Israel, in a day & hour of His choosing

But There is Something That I'm Living For Right Now
It's Not a Coming - - But Rather an Appearing.

It's not based upon Israel or the Jewish people, not America or Russia,
not Islam or the Cults - - or how the election goes!

It's The Rapture of the Bride of Christ
(the church age believers)

It's a Predominately a Gentile Affair Called the Rapture

1Th. 4:17

Then **we** who are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus **we** shall always be with the Lord.

This “**caught up**” in Greek is

ἁρπάζω **harpazo**, *har-pad'-zo*; to dramatically seize, to violently catch away, to pull up or take by great force.

In Latin, It's Rapture!

1Cor. 15:50-52

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. (resurrection and or rapture fixes that) :51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We** shall not all sleep (die), but **we** shall all be **changed**— :52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For **the** trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and **we** shall be changed.

1Th. 5:1-4

But concerning the **times** and the **seasons**, brethren, **you** *have no need that I should write to you*. :2 For **you** yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night (but to whom?). :3 For when **they** say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon **them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And **they** shall not escape. :4 But **you**, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake **you** as a thief.

The word “**time**” here is the Greek word χρόνος **chronos**, *khron'-os*; a specific space or span of time. A designated or fixed **segment** of time. An event, occasion or interval.

The word “**seasons**” here is the Greek word καιρός **kairos**, *kahee-ros'*; a time period, a season of the year. A period or **collection** of time.

Matt. 25:13

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the **day** nor the **hour** in which the Son of Man is coming.

This is Significant

The Apostle Paul Said, There will be those living that will begin to discern, not the day or the hour - - but the times and the seasons – they will alert him,

What Did Jesus Say - - Behold, I am coming quickly!

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1Th. 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **:15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **:17** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **:18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

John 14:1

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.**:2** In My Father’s house are many mansions; **(where is that?)** if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **(where is that?)** **:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, **(where is that?)** *there* you may be also. **(where is that?)**

Heb. 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait for Him** He will **appear** a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Col. 3:4

When Christ *who is* our life shall **appear**, then you also will **appear with Him in glory**.

1John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him,** for we shall see Him as He is.

Are You Prepared To Meet God?

#4 Are you ready to go to the meeting?

Because what it takes to get ready - matters now!

Everyone, Listen Christian Too

*At any moment one of two things could happen.
Your heart could stop beating right now...*

or

This message could be interrupted by

“The Lord Himself descending from heaven with a **shout**, with **the voice** of an archangel, and with **the trumpet of God**.”

Matt. 24:44

Therefore you also be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

What Did Jesus Say - - Behold, I am coming quickly!

This is What It Takes To Get Ready

John 3:3-7

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” :4 ¶ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” :5 ¶ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. :6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. :7 Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.”

**You are a Christian but You’ve Been Struggling.
This is What It Takes For You To Get Ready**

To The Church at Laodicea

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.

What a Great Example The Apostle Paul is To Us

2Tim. 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. :8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

What Did Jesus Say - - Behold, I am coming quickly!

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#5 Which of the meetings are you going to?

Because which of the two meetings – matters now!

Listen Carefully

There are two judgments listed in scripture one is what is called the **Great White Throne** Judgment of Almighty God and the Other is The **Judgment Seat of Christ**.

Psa. 50:6

Let the heavens declare His righteousness,
For God Himself is Judge.

Heb. 10:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Great White Throne

Rev. 20:10-14

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. :11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. :12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. :13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who

were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. :14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

It's Where All Those Whose Names Were Not Found in The Lambs Book of Life Were Judged.

No One Found There Enters Heaven – not a one

Listen, The Other is what is called
The Judgment Seat of Christ

Rom. 14:10

But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother?
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

2Cor. 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1Cor. 3:12-15

Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, :13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. :14 If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. :15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Every One Found Here Enters Heaven – *not a one is lost*

Remember, Jesus Say - - Behold, I am coming quickly!

Titus 2:13

looking for the Blessed hope and Glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

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