

THE “WHO TOLD YOU?” SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHO TOLD YOU

ABOUT THE END TIMES ? – PART 2

Discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

End Times, Grace, Doctrine, Maturity, Discipleship, Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NKJV

:13 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 14:1-3 NKJV

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

“WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THE END TIMES ?”

5.) Why would God tell us that He is coming back ?

In the series of studies that are coming up over the course of the next several weeks, It would be wise of us to put #1 - the first things first, #2 - the second things second and #3 - the last things last as they relate to what is known as the end times events of the last days.

This is what’s known as prophetic dispensationalism. meaning that the God of the Bible has ordered or pre-arranged a specific timeline of events. Secondly, dispensationalism draws a line of distinction between Israel and the Church as being two distinct works of God.

Dispensationalism looks like this

Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. **10** I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please (purposes).'

Isaiah 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for

This is why I believe as I do

If you can see me right now, you're looking at what is known as a pre-millennial dispensational literalist.

Luke 21:28

Now when these things **begin to happen**, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

What could this "sign" possibly mean?

"The Sign" of the Lowes Christmas on Display

means that **thanksgiving is near, and that **Halloween** is even closer**

Mark 13:28-29

"Now learn this parable from (Lowes) the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. **29** So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near— at the doors!

For 2,000 years the Bible has been warning the world and encouraging the believer to watch out and to look up !

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

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. **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. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and

love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Why would God tell us that He is coming back?

5a.) Because He has a day of separation in store

5b.) Because He has a promise to keep

The Reliability of God’s Word to Us Can be Trusted.

Here is the effect that His promise has upon us.

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Here are a few of His promises that He will keep.

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

John 14:3a

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself;

Luke 21:34-36

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. :35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. :36 *Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.*”

1 Thessalonians 1:10a

“..wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For **what is our hope**, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? **Is it not even you** in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ **at His (return) coming?**

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

: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.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to **wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, 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**. (ἀλλάσσω allasso, al-las'-so; **to take something and make something different out of it. To change what was into what is**)..

WARNING THIS COMING MONDAY – TOMORROW, AUGUST 21ST.

Eclipse Video for Monday Morning (10:22am)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX7AxZhPrqU>

beware of those who are saying that massive earthquakes will happen as the shadow passes over the USA tomorrow.

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Why would God tell us that He is coming back?

5c.) Because He has scheduled a meeting.

Perhaps the most important passage of all has been offered to us by Jesus Christ himself. Went on the night of his betrayal Jesus comforted the disciples and gave them a promise!

Remember Again The Bible's Encouragement to Us;

1 Thessalonians 4:18

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 14:1-3

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In the book of Revelation there is a subtle, yet profound
clue regarding you and I and the church of Jesus Christ in this world...

Revelation 1:17b-19

And when I (John) saw Him (Jesus), I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. **18** I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. **19** Write the **things** which you have **seen**, *(the resurrected Christ)* and the **things** which **are**, *(the 7 churches)* and the **things** which will take place **after this**. *(from chapters 4 to 22)*

Revelation 4:1 KJV

After this *(chapters 1-3)* looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. *(while you’re up here in heaven, I will show you things down there on earth)*

Revelation 4:2a KJV

And immediately *(in an instant of time. in a flash, a twinkling of an eye)* I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven,

**His Return is to be a Great Encouragement
to those who desire to Follow Jesus Christ,**

Philippians 3:20-21

For our **citizenship** *(origin of dispatch, a sent representative)* is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait** for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

The Citizens of Heaven are Eagerly Waiting to Go Home.

Luke 21:34

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and **that day** will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap.

1 John 3:2-3

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. 3
And everyone who has **this hope** in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Mark 13:32-37

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. **34** It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. **35** Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— **36** lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. **37** And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

The Reason for the Cross / The Work of Christ / The Need to Call.

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