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Will You Be Ready When He Returns “What Manner of Person Should You Be?”

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2 PETER 3:

1. This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:
2. That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and saviour;
3. Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
4. And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
5. **For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:**
6. Whereby the world that then was, **being overflowed with water, perished:**
7. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
8. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**
9. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness: but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**
10. But the day of the **Lord will come as a thief in the night;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
11. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**
12. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
13. Nevertheless we, according to his promise look for new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
14. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.
15. And account that that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as **our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**
16. As also in all his epistles, **speaking in them of these things, in which some things are hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**
17. Ye therefore, beloved seeing ye know these things before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of wickedness, fall from your own steadfastness.**
18. **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



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PAULS TALKS ABOUT IT THIS WAY:

2 Corinthians 13

¹This is the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. ²I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare: ³Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you. ⁴For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. **⁵Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? ⁶But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.**

⁷Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. ⁸For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. ⁹For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your perfection. ¹⁰Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

Galatians 6:

⁷Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. ⁹And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. ¹⁰As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.



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JESUS PUT IT THIS WAY:

Matthew 24

⁴And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.** ⁵**For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.** ⁶**And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.** ⁷**For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.** ⁸**All these are the beginning of sorrows.** ⁹**Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.** ¹⁰**And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.** ¹¹**And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.** ¹²**And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.** ¹³But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. ¹⁵When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

³²**Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:** ³³**So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.** ³⁴Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. ³⁵**Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.** ³⁶But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ³⁷But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸For as in the days that were before the flood they were **eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage,** until the day that Noe entered into the ark, ³⁹And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ⁴⁰Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ⁴¹Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ⁴²**Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.** ⁴³**But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.** ⁴⁴Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. ⁴⁵Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? ⁴⁶Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ⁴⁷Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸**But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;** ⁴⁹**And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;** ⁵⁰The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹And shall cut him asunder, and **appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**



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Matthew 25

¹Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ²**And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.** ³They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: ⁴But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. ⁷Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. ⁹But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹²**But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.** ¹³**Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**

¹⁴**For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.** ¹⁵And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. ¹⁶Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five talents. ¹⁷And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two. ¹⁸But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. ²⁰And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. ²¹His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²²He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. ²³His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²⁴Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: ²⁵And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine. ²⁶**His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: ²⁷Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. ²⁸Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents. ²⁹For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. ³⁰And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

³¹When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³²And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: ³³And he



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shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? ³⁸When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? ³⁹Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. ⁴¹Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴²For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: ⁴³I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. ⁴⁴Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? ⁴⁵Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. ⁴⁶And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.



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Opening Monologue

Every one that is married, I'd like for you to stand up

For those that have on a wedding band, I'd like for you to keep standing

What does that band mean to you? Is it just another piece of Jewelry, or is it a symbol of the covenant that you made with your spouse.

Does it flash through you mind when your thoughts are being unfaithful to your spouse, does it constantly remind you of the covenant with the one that you love.

God spoke in my spirit:

I did not save you from sin so you can continue in it. I saved you so you can walk in newness of life.

If you have forgotten, it was sin that got the world into the condition that it is in. The wages of that sin is death. I saved you from death, I saved you to a newness of life. So why do you to ignore our covenant and continue in Sin, the very thing that created this crisis?

I had a dream where I saw nuclear bombs blowing up in America

- I will be 47 years old this year and I've never had such a dream
- I don't know what it means but I remember it clearly, even unto this moment
 - o Driving to work the same morning, IRAN was announcing they had the materials to make a nuclear bomb
 - o Glen Beck was on talking about the looming economic crisis where the conservative estimate was 50 million people unemployed world wide
 - o He said he was driving home with his wife and they were having this discussion and his hand starting shaking like they were at that very moment
 - o He said he was walking with the most senior leaders of the FBI, CIA, and Military to include high ranking generals and they were telling him about plans they have in place and have been exercising and preparing for the civil unrest they predict will breakout around the globe because of the shortage of food
 - o He talked about civil unrest in America if there is an incident between American citizens and illegals on the border
 - American kills an illegal protecting his property
 - ATF, FBI, and CIA show up to arrest him
 - American citizens rise up in protest because the American government has done nothing to stop the flow of illegal people across the border which created this situation

We are living in the last days, but no one is talking about the last days.

- We want to talk about prosperity and getting ahead and being rich
- God has allowed that to be fixed with the coming economic depression, the like of which the world has never seen

We need to eat the whole roll of the word and not just back.



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One things that always troubled me when I was growing up in churches at home in Mississippi is that almost every sermons I heard came from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and if they ventured far, they went to Acts and Romans. After I left home, that conditioned continued but I heard a few more from the old testament. I was wondering why no one went to the rest of the books on a regular basis: 1 Corinthians through Revelations.

There are some things that are written in the bible and we must questions, why where they written?
Why were the apostles so concerned with the condition of the believer at the return of Christ?