

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Text: Matthew 24

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 24:36-44

1. The actual hour of the 2nd Coming

- a) No one knows
- b) Not even the angels of heaven
- c) It is known only to God the Father Matthew 24:36

2. As the days of Noah, so the Return of the Lord Jesus

- a) Many were not concerned about the Flood that was forewarned
- b) People were doing common things:
 - i) Eating and drinking

- ii) Marrying and giving away in marriage
- c) One day Noah and his family entered into the Ark
- d) Then the Flood came

3. The Coming of the Lord Jesus

- a) Two men working in a field
 - i) One is taken
 - ii) The other is left behind
- b) Two women grinding at the mill
 - i) One is taken
 - ii) The other is left behind

AN IMPORTANT WORD OF ADVICE

1. Watch therefore Matthew 24:42

- a) No one knows the hour the Lord is returning
- b) To be watchful:
 - i) To be diligent
 - ii) To be ready
 - iii) To be faithful

2. The Illustration of a householder

- a) He does not when a thief may attempt a break in
- b) If he knew he would be watchful
- c) He could then prevent a robbery
- d) But he does not know when a thief may break in

3. The Return of the Son of Man

a) We do not know when He would return

b) The best approach:

i) Watch Matthew 24:42

ii) Be ready Matthew 24:44

THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLES

1. Peter 2 Peter

2. Paul 2 Thessalonians 2

3. John 1 John; Revelation

4. They practised these two principles

a) Watching

b) Being ready