

FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.

Matthew 7:13-15, 21-23a, John 10:26-30, Romans 8:35-39

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

HE'S COMING FOR YOU

The "Who, What, When Where and Why" of the Future Teachings of the Bible.

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"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

- Luke 21:34-36

Matthew 7:13-15

13 "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. :15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16c You will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:21-23a

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" 23 And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me.

Our Congregational Reading Continues...

John 10:26-30

But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." :37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1.) So make sure - you're on the right path.

What does it mean to be on the right path?
We know what **it doesn't** mean.

Here's an example of a man coming to Jesus

on the (right path), but sadly the man leaves Jesus going on the (wrong path).

Mark 10:17-23

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" :18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 19 You know the commandments: "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not bear false witness," "Do not defraud," "Honor your father and your mother." :20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." :21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." :22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. :23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

With Good Intentions and with Sincere Motives but on the Wrong Path

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,

*It's not only knowing the **orthodoxy of scripture**,
but more importantly - - are we **living out that orthodoxy!***

Guarding truth by not mixing **elements** in with the Gospel.
Guarding truth by not adding **pollutants** in with the Gospel.
Guarding truth by not mixing **contaminants** in with the Gospel.

Galatians 3:1-3

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

Matthew 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.

Luke 6:46-49

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

This is the Narrow Path.

John 14:6 5

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 10:7-9

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.
9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved,

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2.) So make sure - you’re known by Him.

We so easily say – “I know God” but how can we know

for sure if that statement is true in our own lives? - - there is only one way, it’s knowing
(by faith = experience) that God knows you.

Matthew 7:22-27

Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?” 23 And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!” 24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell.
and great was its fall.”

**To be known by Jesus requires that He
has access to you - personally.**

John 14:7

“If you had known (ginosko) Me, you would have known (ginosko) My Father also; and from now on you know (ginosko) Him and have seen Him.”

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal:
“The Lord knows (ginosko) those who are His,”

A Factual, Experiential Christianity is all there is.

What I am about to read – ask yourself, What If This is Still Today – what if it still happens in our day, would you do it?
(it does happen today, even now)

Luke 10:18-20

And Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

John 10:14

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep,
and am known by My sheep.

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3.) So make sure - you’re being faithful.

The word faithful means:

faithful grk: pistos; being reliable, being trustworthy, being one who believes

Many of you are questioning –

“What do I do with my Christianity now - in this openly hostile America?”

Luke 9:57-62

Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.” :58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” :59 Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” :60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”:61 And another said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.” :62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.

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4.) So make sure - you're ready for Him.

Confirm That Your Faith is Accurate.

2 Corinthians 13:5c

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?

Examine grk: peirazo; to make proof of, to test, to put through the test, to challenge the authenticity of.

1. Ready for when your last day on earth comes.
2. Ready for when you might hear the trumpet blast.
3. Ready for when the next day has been gifted to you.
4. Ready for when the next hour arrives.
(are you ready for the next few minutes?)

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

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5.) So make sure you're found by Him.

As I look across this sanctuary – I see that every single one of you will be meeting Jesus Christ in person in just a few years."

Think of it!

It's irrelevant – that if Christ doesn't return for next 200 years, You and I will be meeting Him in our deaths, whether in twenty years, twenty months, or twenty minutes.

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(to identify who's in the room)

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John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

And what a tragic thing it would be,
that when He comes for you – He can't find you!

The Difference between Sheep & Goats

“One of the many **differences between** Sheep and Goats is how they eat. **Sheep** are grazers; they ramble slowly among particular plants close to the ground. **Goats** on the other hand are browsers; (internet) they look for almost anything. When leaves, twigs, vines, and shrubs are not on the menu, they will consume just about anything that is convenient. Contrary, sheep are slow, methodical eaters while goats can be agile in the pursuit of food and indiscriminate with their diet.”

Sheep choose to congregate together and find safety in numbers.

Goats may or may not choose to congregate and will often choose to be solitary.

Goats are not easily kept or penned. They will likely seek to get out from any enclosure...

Sheep, almost at birth will distinguish the voice of the shepherd from the voice of other shepherds. This “imprinting” will last the lifetime of the sheep.

- (1) Make Sure You Get a New Name from Him.
- (2) Make Sure You Get Righteousness from Him.
- (3) Make Sure You Get Security from Him.

Matthew 22:11-14

“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.”

Be honest:

You have no desire to give of your time to what God wants.

You have no desire to read the bible to know what God is saying.

You have no desire to go to a prayer meeting to have God change things.

Truth be Told - You Have No Biblical Desires Inside of You

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 10:9-11

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

End of Study

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