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## End Times Bible Study Part 11

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We're in the end times Bible study and we've been here for quite a few weeks. Tonight is Part 11 and we've been trying to find out what the Bible says regarding the end times, the end of the world. You may have heard of things like the tribulation, the rapture, the end of the world, the millennial reign, the Second Coming of Jesus. Oh, my goodness, there all these movies about the end of the world. What's happening? What does the Bible teach? That's what we've been looking at for the last several weeks.

We started off with one particular passage, I Thessalonians 4:13 where the apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, admonishes the reader that God would not have us to be ignorant. The statement that God would not have us to be ignorant is directed at believers, brethren. So, for nonbelievers, that is, people who are not saved, born-again children of God, I don't expect them to understand very much. I don't expect them to take very much of an interest, but we're trying to help the believers out there who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They're a hundred percent sure they're going to Heaven, but they don't understand all these things, especially with prophecy and the end times. So God does not want us to be ignorant.

Then we went to Matthew Chapter 24, which is where we've been and where we're going to

continue tonight, because Jesus Himself builds not only on that He does not want us to be ignorant, but He says in Matthew 24:4 that we better be careful, better take heed that we be not deceived.

Why would Jesus be concerned with us being deceived? The reason is because there's a lot of deception going on. Don't you think that Jesus is concerned about us not being deceived? And if He had to actually take part of a sentence of the Holy Word of God just to admonish us not to be deceived, don't you think it's because there is a lot of deception going on and there are a lot of reasons for deception? It has to do with money; it has to do with all kinds of things, control and, of course, Satan. Satan himself is the great deceiver, and he's the one that's behind many of the lies and many of the things that are going on.

I was just watching some news reports or some videos the other day of some of these television pastors that get on the TV and they call it preaching, but what they're doing is they're always asking for money, asking, asking, asking, saying, "Oh, if you have faith, you'll send this much, you'll send that much, you'll send a thousand pesos, you'll send ten thousand pesos." They'll say, "Oh, even if you only have 50 pesos, send it to us so that we can help God do whatever it is that He wants to do." And



these guys that are on TV doing this, they have been getting investigated by the authorities because they have their own private jets; they have mansions; they have cars that cost several million pesos each; they have these suits and these clothes that they wear that they're spending 100, 200, 300 hundred thousand pesos a pop every time they go to a store, like Luis Vuitton and Gucci. I'm not kidding. Those are the brand names that are actually being used. Those amounts of money translate into two and five thousand dollars or more in clothes. So there's a lot of deception going on. These guys are not really so much interested in telling the truth. Most of these guys are on there because they just want to give a message that sounds good and makes you feel good so that you can keep sending them money.

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We finished last week looking at verse 36 of Matthew Chapter 24. What we were finishing up saying last week and what Jesus was telling us here, He says, *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

What He was talking about was today, that all of these end time events – which the end times events that we've been talking about and we're going to talk about some more – begin with an extraordinary event called the rapture. In fact, when we first started on week one with this particular Bible study, we looked at I Thessalonians 4:13-18, which talks about the great catching or calling away of all the believers, that those who are dead in Christ and those of us who are alive and remain in Christ shall be caught up together in the clouds with the Lord. And there are other supporting passages for that that we're going to take a look at, but it's called the rapture. It's the great catching away.

The word "rapture" does not appear in the Bible, but the teaching of the rapture absolutely does. It's just like the Trinity. The word "trinity" never appears in the Bible, but we know because the teaching is there that God is a trinity, the Holy Trinity. He is a triune being. Even the word "bible" is not in the Bible, yet, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God because the teaching of the commandments and the statutes of the Word of God are in the Bible. So, just because the word "rapture" does not appear in the Bible, that's a very weak argument to try to argue against it.

But what Jesus is speaking of here is that no man knows the day or the hour in that day that He is going to come back to receive unto Himself the elect, in other words, the born-



again, saved people. Whenever I am talking to a person and I want to find out about their eternal destiny, about their spiritual condition, I don't ask them if they're saved. I don't ask them if they're a Christian, because those have different meanings to different people. In fact, I don't even ask if they're born again, because here in the Philippines there is kind of a denomination called Born Again, so what I like to ask someone is this: "If you were to die today, are you 100% sure that you would go to Heaven?"

Think about that question. If you were to die today, are you 100% sure that you'd go to Heaven? That's a very important question, because, if you're not sure, that's a very dangerous position to be in because, dear listener, to be sure is to be born again, to be saved. That means that you are in Christ; you have trusted Jesus Christ alone as your personal Saviour. So you would know beyond a shadow of a doubt, typically, but most people will answer that question and they say, "I don't know, Pastor. I don't know where I'll go if I die. I don't know if I'll go to Heaven or Hell." Well, you can know. That's what the Bible talks about and that's what's so important, because as Jesus is saying here in verse 35 no man knows the day or the hour when He is going to come back and take His people.

When He comes back to take His people, the church, at the rapture, that is all the born-again believers, all of the saved children of God who are in Christ, who have trusted in Christ. The ones who are going to be left behind are going to go through an incredible period called the tribulation. This is an incredible period of time, seven years, that is already scheduled by God. It's already

ordained by God. It's going to happen where God is going to be dealing with the world and especially with His called out nation of Israel.

The key to understanding Bible prophecy is the nation of Israel. Keep your eyes on Jerusalem in the news. That is the hottest of the hotspots in the world because of the plan of God and how Satan, the devil, does not want the plan of God to succeed, but the plan of God is going to succeed. So, in verse 36, Jesus is talking about this event that's going to happen when He comes back to take His elect, the rapture. And He says, *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

There is coming a day but nobody knows when it is. There are a lot of date setters. There are a lot of people who set dates, and they say, "Well, according to my calculations and all the prophecies that I've put together and I've done the math and I've adjusted the calendar, I believe that the Bible teaches that Jesus is going to return on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017," and, of course, whenever there's a different color moon or something like that, they always say, "Yeah, see that's a sign, that's a sign." Jesus plainly teaches us that no one knows the date nor the hour. He repeats that again in verse 42. He says, *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

But let me say this very clearly. Jesus Christ is saying here, without a shadow of a doubt, no one knows the day or the date nor the hour when He's coming back to receive the believers at the rapture. This is very important. That's why we must be ready. However, He does give us a kind of a "watch out for this" statement. In other words, we never know until that day happens, what day



or hour the rapture is going to occur, but He does tell us what to look for.

Now, watch this in verse 37. *But as the days of Noe were...* “Noe” is the New Testament name for “Noah” in the Old Testament, Noah who built the ark. *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* That’s a very interesting statement, “as the days of Noe were.” Well, what were the days of Noah like? What does He mean by “as the days of Noe were”? This is where we have to go back and check and see what it is that Jesus is talking about so that we’ll understand the context of what He is saying.

Let’s take a look at the time of Noah and we have to go all the way back to the book of Genesis. We’re going to go to Genesis Chapter 6, and let’s find out what it was that Jesus was talking about. How were the days of Noah? Because he said “as the days of Noe were.” Let’s find out what the days of Noah were like. So let’s go back to the first book of the Bible, the book of Genesis, and let’s go to Chapter 6 and I’m going to begin reading here in verse 5.

*<sup>5</sup>And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [Wow!] <sup>6</sup>And it repented the LORD... It grieved Him so much that God actually thought this. It says, *And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.* I can’t even imagine what the Lord was going through when He sees what His beautiful creation had become. Anybody who says, “Why does God allow wickedness?” “If God is so good, why does He allow starving children in Africa?” “Why does He allow this?” “Why does He allow that?”*

When someone is asking that, dear listener, most of the time what they’re doing is they’re trying to place the blame on God for all of the wickedness that’s going on in the Earth. But God is not to blame for the wickedness that is on the Earth. I would even venture to say that the devil, Satan, is not really to blame for the wickedness that’s going on in the Earth. Certainly, he is the author of evil. Certainly, he’s the one that tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, but the choice to sin was Adam and Eve’s. The Bible says that sin came through the first man, Adam. Adam was the one that ate willingly of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil when God told him not to.

So next time you wonder why God allows this or why does God allow that, there are starving children, there are hurting people, there are wars, there are people that are getting slaughtered and killed, why don’t you take the finger that’s pointing at God and point it right back at yourself? Because the question is what have you done, dear listener. What have you done to prevent the evil that’s in this world? Isn’t it interesting how everybody wants everybody else to change but nobody wants to be the change that they want everybody else to be. Yet, the reality is that there’s nothing you can do to change. If you are a sinner, you’re a sinner. The only thing that you can do is receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and be saved from that sin. And then, the Bible says, you’ll be a new creature.

Now, let’s continue here in verse 6. It says, *And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth...* See, again, why does God allow this? Why does God allow that? Why? Well, here, we’re already





seeing a point in time in history where the sin of man, the wickedness of man was so great that God said, "I've had enough. I will destroy man whom I have created, from the face of the Earth." And He continues. He says... *both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.* God was so fed up with the sin and the wickedness of the Earth that God said, "Not only am I going to destroy man, I'm going to destroy all of the animals, plants, everything." Imagine that. All the birds.

But one of the things we cannot do is we cannot accuse God of unfairness or unrighteousness, because God is good and God is love. Look what it says here in verse 8: *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.* So out of all the people on the Earth, there was one man and, by the way, his family. We can read a little bit down and we'll see about his family, but there was Noah and his wife, and Noah had three sons, and those three sons had three wives, so eight people out of we don't know how many, but most likely there were at least several hundred million on the Earth at that time. God said, "I've had enough with the wickedness."

So we could scroll down and take a look at some more, but really what we need to know is what He says here in verse 5: *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Jesus said, *as the days of Noe were.* That's what Jesus said. How were the days of Noah characterized? We just saw that. It said that man was wicked. There was wickedness upon the Earth, and his imagination, everything that came to his mind, his invention, his entertainment, the things that they did behind

closed doors, the things that they did out openly in the streets, everything they thought of was only evil continually.

That is very, very terrible to think of, but now Jesus said, back in Matthew Chapter 24, <sup>36</sup>*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.* <sup>37</sup>*But as the days of Noe were...* How were the days of Noah? We just read it back in Genesis. The wickedness was all over the Earth. Think about that for a second, dear listener. Is there wickedness all over the Earth today? Do you know that just the other day there was another terrorist attack, this time in Stockholm, Sweden, where a man drove a giant kind of a delivery truck, like a 10-wheeler, drew a crowd of people and straight into the entrance of a busy mall.

Some of the Websites that I visit, because I don't like to be like a robot or a sheep that just is programmed with the news, so I don't just watch the news channels. In America, we have CNN, we have Fox, we have MSNBC. They're all clones of each other and they all say the same thing and they're all there with an agenda to program people. Here you have the same thing. You have ABS, CBN News, and you have... well, I don't even remember the networks here, but they're the same thing. In fact, they're worse here. They're worse. But I try to go to different credible Websites. I find them where I know I can trust those sources, and I read and I see the news that the mainstream media is not telling us.

I had the misfortune of not only reading about what happened but the particular Website that I was on actually showed some of the pictures, and I want to tell you something. It'll turn your stomach. Pictures of people, human beings, half of them, half of their body on one



side of the street and half of their body on the other side of the street, and their blood and their guts and their muscles and their bones scraped down the street for 20 or 30 feet, just trails of blood from where this terrorist drove through these people and killed them. The initial death toll was three dead and I don't know how many injured.

But can you imagine that there were people in this world that were celebrating that terrorist attack? We see this happening all over the world, stabbings in China, shootings in France, another truck driver a couple of weeks ago that drove through people in England. In the States, you have shootouts all the time. All of these things are happening and people on one side or the other are cheering about these things.

Then you have the rise of the sodomites. That's right. "Sodomites" is what the Bible calls them. They're talking about the gays and the homosexuals. That is ungodly. It is unnatural. It is abomination. It is wickedness. And it is sin and it is rising. Even here in the Philippines the other day there was a protest. Right here in Tacloban City there was a protest for gay rights. What gay rights? God hasn't given any gay rights to anybody when it comes to marriage.

And by the way, marriage is not shacking up with somebody and moving in with them and having kids with them. That is not marriage. Marriage is sacred; it's solemn; it's holy; and it's invented by God, and God made marriage between one man and one woman. God said what God put together let no man put asunder. So what do we have today? We have men working with men that which is ungodly, unseemly. You have women with women. You have women with two men. You have men with

two women. You have women with dogs even. Tell me that's not wickedness and the imagination of the heart, only evil continually.

I already stopped watching TV years and years ago in the States, but I can't even stand hearing it in the background here in the Philippines. The Philippines has the worst, stupidest television programming I personally have ever witnessed in my life. Every time I even hear a TV in the background, I almost feel the brain cells being sucked out the back of my head. The ungodliness in every TV show, children's shows, entertainment shows, game shows, talent shows, all of your shows here they have gay people, men that are masculine looking sometimes muscle-bound men, but they have long hair and they have makeup on and they're talking exactly like a woman. It's an abomination unto God. It's here. It's in Europe. That's in Africa.

My goodness, we have enemies that we have historically considered enemy countries. One of them is Russia. I don't have anything personal against Russia. It's just one of those countries that's always been an enemy to the West because of the cold war and communism and all that. Today they're not communists anymore.

Let me tell you one of the things that Russia is doing, especially their president, Vladimir Putin. He's not allowing all that nonsense. We can do some fantastic studies in the Bible that will show that most likely Russia is one of the enemy countries of God because Russia is planning on invading Israel, to try to get the spoils from Israel. They're going to lose. God's going to defeat them. But, my goodness, at least the leadership in Russia is bold enough to not allow that nonsense, that ungodliness and that wickedness of sodomy, the gayness.



Thank God, he's done it over there in Russia. Oh, the human rights people around the world are up in arms about that, but that's not a human right.

In fact, if you read the Bible, dear listener, I challenge you to read I Kings and II Kings and I Chronicles and II Chronicles, and every time it says "sodomites," you see what the Bible says. God always says that a king who did right in the sight of God is one of the kings that put the sodomites out of the land. Why? Because it's wicked. It's an abomination. Do a word study on the word "abomination" and see how many times it's connected to sodomy. The word "abomination" means something that will make you vomit. That's how God feels about sodomy. It's wicked and that's what we see in the world today. We see the rainbow flags. We see all this going on there.

How were the days of Noah characterized? Today you have bombings. You have killings. A couple of weeks ago, Syria used nerve gas on men, women, and children and old people. Again, I saw the pictures and the videos of babies. Babies, can you imagine? Six-month old, one-year-old babies that were foaming at the mouth as they were dying because of the gas attacks. ISIS beheading people. And then you have all those "free, free, free for me," "give me a minimum wage," "give me a free this, a free that." People that are unsatisfied with what they have; young people just not even finishing high school and they already want to be rich. They want to have an executive job. They want to be a star instead of working hard and be a godly person the way God ordained it.

How are the days of Noah marked? Only evil continually. There was wickedness upon the Earth, and that is what we're seeing today.

We're seeing more wickedness widespread across the Earth today than, I believe, this world has ever seen, probably second only to the days of Noah. So Jesus says to us, *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be.* Jesus is telling us a little bit about the days of how it's going to be. Even though no man knows the day or the hour, He's telling us what conditions in the world are going to be like. So in verse 37, He says, *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be.*

In verse 38, He says, *For as in the days that were before the flood...* of course, Noah's days... *they were eating and drinking...* celebrating, partying, everything's all right; let's go to the movies; let's go to the restaurant; let's go out; let's take selfies; let's just hang out even though everything's crumbling around us, let's play loud music; let's go to the singalong and drown out the worries and the cares of the world. Even though your neighbors have to work tomorrow, you don't care; you plan that loud karaoke, loud music. It says they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Yeah, it's a free-for-all; everything's great.

And by the way, when He says "marrying and giving in marriage" – He just talked about how evil those days were – do you think that God is talking about honorable marriage? Why does He say "as the days of Noe were"? When we go back to Genesis Chapter 6, we find out how wicked the days of Noah were.

Then here He says they're eating and drinking and they're marrying and giving in marriage. Why? Is marriage evil? No. There must be some more to it than that. Of course, He's talking about these wicked men's definition of marriage, men with men, women with women,



man or woman with dogs. Yeah, they're marrying dogs; they're marrying laptops; they're marrying toasters; they're marrying themselves; they're marrying their cars. This is happening all over the world, marrying and giving in marriage, partying, divorcing, cheating, jumping from marriage to marriage. All of the Hollywood stars, all your TV and movie stars everywhere they're divorced and remarried, and divorced and remarried, and they're shacking up and they have all these kids with all these different partners. He says... *marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark...* which, by the way, you find in Genesis Chapter 7.

And verse 39: *And knew not until the flood came...* See, now, what's really interesting about not knowing until the flood came is that Noah... listen to this now. I'm not going to take the time right now because we might visit this at another time. My lesson has run too long as it is, but in Genesis Chapters 6 and 7, you'll see Noah preached for 120 years. Noah preached righteousness for 120 years and nobody listened to the point that Jesus says in verse 39 *[they] knew not until the flood came, and took them all away.* Isn't that a shame?

Today we preachers, I see many of us, we preach and we preach and we preach and we preach and I have this radio show that reaches a potential audience of a million people; I go to my church and I preach to our members, and there are visitors that come in once and never come back again. We go soul-winning and visiting in the town and around the barangays and we give out hundreds of Gospel tracts, and we have dozens of Bible studies on a monthly basis, and our church is still only running about 35.

I'm not ungrateful for that. Bless God and praise the Lord for those 35, but we don't give away hotdogs; we don't try to feed the community every Sunday; we don't have giveaways; we don't make promises of money if you're faithful coming to my church; I'm not going to give you a pig or a bonus the way a lot of these other churches and religions with all these tricks that they're doing, because I want you to come because you're hearing the Gospel. I want you to come because you have the love of the truth.

But we preach and we preach and we preach and we preach, and yet, there's a day coming where we're all going to disappear, those of us who are saved, and the people that are left behind, they're not even going to realize it; they're not even going to know until that day comes. This is what Jesus says here in verse 39. *And they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* So Jesus is giving us again a glimpse, a hint of how the days are going to be right before He comes back even though we don't know the day or the hour, but we can tell the season.

He continues here in verse 40. He says: *Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.* Some studies that you hear, believe it or not, and verse 41 is going on with that. It says, *Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

Some people who make this study and they have different views of the tribulation, different views of when the rapture is going to happen, they say that these particular verses, verses 40 and 41, are talking about after the tribulation, that Jesus is going to come back after the





tribulation to take these people away like this. No, obviously, we've been going verse by verse for several weeks, and you can see the context in which this occurs. He is talking about the days before the tribulation, because we got to the tribulation all the way up to about verse 29. It says, *Immediately after the tribulation of those days*, so He's talking about the tribulation first. Then he talks about after the tribulation, and then He gets into saying in verse 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: <sup>33</sup>So likewise ye [which means you all], when [you all] shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

Yet, no day and no hour, and so He's telling us very clearly. He talks about the tribulation. He talks about after the tribulation, and then He goes talking about right before the tribulation. He's giving us warning about what to look for. So when we get to verses 40 and 41, He talks about the people that are going to be taken at the rapture. So He's given us plenty of warning about what signs to look for. There's a lot of stuff going on in the world that are really telltale signs of everything that's going on.

He says in verse 42, *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.* Now look, He's telling us here, "I'm not going to tell you the day nor the hour." And, of course, that's very wise, because if He did tell us which day and which hour He was coming, then many of us would be tempted to just be bad because we knew the date He was coming. We'd want to be good on that day, but up until then, we could be pretty bad and sinful. Well, no, hopefully, most children of God don't think that way anyway, but that

would be a bit too much for the world to know.

So He doesn't want us to be looking for a certain date and then we're going to be bad until that day. He wants us to be ready all the time and He could come back at any moment.

By the way, I don't believe this is talking about 20 years from now, maybe not even 10 years from now. I mean things are getting pretty bad. Look, the US just sent 60 Tomahawk missiles over into Syria the other day, and Russia is not very happy about that. Talk about wars and rumors of wars, there's some big stuff that's about to blow up in the Middle East. We're not too far from those days coming.

Now, let's take a look. *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.* That's verse 42. And so He's giving us ample warning about what to look for. Verse 43: *But know this... See, He wants us to know these things..., 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.*

That's why He's not telling us the day nor the hour. *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.* He's saying, "I don't want you to be ready when you know a thief is coming." He says, "I want you to be ready all the time." Isn't that, dear listener, why we put locks on our doors? Isn't that why we put bars on our windows and why we put locks on our gates? Because we know that at any time a thief could come in. But Jesus is telling us plainly here, "You don't know when I'm coming so I want you to be as ready for Me coming as you are for a thief coming." Unfortunately, many,



many more people are ready for a thief to come than they are for Jesus to come.

Verse 45: *Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?* Who then? Are you going to be faithful? The key to serving God and the key to rewards from God is being faithful. I talked to people about that at our church last Sunday.

<sup>46</sup> *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.* So, in verse 45, He says – and this is related by the way to verses 43 and 44 – He’s telling us to be ready. In verse 45 He’s saying, “Who’s a faithful and wise servant?” A lot of people like to proclaim themselves to be faithful and wise, but Jesus is telling us here, *Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?*

Who’s the one that’s going to be rewarded, dear listeners? We all want to be rewarded but without any responsibility. It doesn’t work that way. If we want rewards of God, we have to be responsible for serving Him and being faithful. And He says, *Blessed is that servant...* the one who’s faithful, the one whom the Lord has made ruler over his house. He said, *Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.* “Shall find so doing” what? Watching, verse 44. Watching, verse 43.

When Jesus is talking about when somebody is put in charge of taking care of another’s business, I hear of this many times here, too, where people who own a business or two or three or many businesses, they try to find trustworthy, because that’s what the word

“faithful” means. It means trustworthy and loyal. They’ll try to find a trustworthy family member or someone that they know they can trust to take care of the business while they’re away and deposit the money in the bank account and watch all the other employees and watch the stocks and all those things.

It’s a shame that many times here in the Philippines especially, I hear this all the time, the business owners have a hard time because they have a hard time finding a faithful watcher. They have people that steal from them. They have people that give away to their friends when they come. They have people that are lazy. They don’t do the work and the business goes down and down and down. And when that business owner comes back, he finds that everything is a mess because the one he left in charge was not faithful.

And the Lord is saying, “I have put you in charge of something. The number one thing that I have put you in charge of is my Gospel. I want you to give my Gospel to others.” Remember, He’s talking to a lot of saved people. He’s not just talking to Jews at that time. Even though He was talking to His disciples, He was talking to Jews. Those of us who are saved, born-again children of God have a responsibility and that responsibility is to be faithful in the service of God.

Being faithful in the service of God is not simply going to church every Sunday, because that’s what religions make it all out to be. Just go to church every Sunday and then that’s being faithful to God. No, that’s part of being faithful to God. The Bible commands us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, going to church, going to every service of the church. If your church has a Sunday morning



service and a Sunday afternoon service and a midweek service, like Thursday or Wednesday, and a prayer meeting and a Bible study, you need to be faithful in going to each one of those. Sure that's part of it.

Should you be giving to your local church? Giving of your offerings? Yes, of course, you should give your offerings to the church and do good to the poor and all those things. None of those things, though, are going to get you to Heaven. But if you are a born-again child of God who's already going to Heaven, then here's what he wants you to do. He does want you to do all those things, going to church, giving to the poor, being nice, but God has given you, if you are a child of God, you have a responsibility to get the Gospel into the hands of all people around you.

That's one of the things that I'm doing here on this radio show. This tool of a transmitter, of a radio show that I have is just another tool for me to get the Gospel out to as many people as possible. That's why we have the BibleTalk Radio Show. I'm just trying to be faithful. I'm not even very good at it, but I want to be faithful.

Dear listener, I want to encourage you that this is exactly what Jesus is talking about, and many of us unfortunately are not faithful, because we're living our life the way we want to. We're dabbling in sin. We're dabbling in selfishness. We're dabbling in self-interests when the Bible says seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things that we need shall be added unto you. But many people put their own lives first before God and those are people who are not being found faithful.

Let's continue here. Verse 47: *Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.* That's referring to being joint heirs with Jesus. Jesus has rewards for us in Heaven. You can read about the rewards of Jesus Christ for the Bible. They're in I Corinthians Chapter 3. He wants to reward us, but He's certainly not going to reward a lazy or a selfish servant.

It says in verse 48: *But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; <sup>49</sup>And shall begin to smite [or hit or beat] his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; <sup>50</sup>The 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.* Of course, Jesus here very plainly, very clearly, at that time He was standing here, He was angering a lot of the Jews because they're the ones that were found ripping each other off. They were smiting their fellow servants. They're the ones that were greedy. They're the ones that were eating and drinking with the drunken. They were not fulfilling their role of proclaiming the righteousness of God to the rest of the world, the Gentile world.

But that also applies to us today. Thank God that the Lord opened the door of salvation to us, Gentiles, because now we are able to be partakers of salvation directly through Jesus Christ. The salvation is free. It did not cost us anything, and whether we serve Him or not, we're still saved. Thank God, hallelujah. However, that salvation does come with a responsibility. That responsibility means being faithful to the work and the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that is getting the Gospel out. If we're not found faithful, sure, we still have a home in Heaven. Thank goodness for the mercy of God, but what rewards could we



possibly expect if we're not going to be found faithful.

You can adopt a child and that child becomes your legal child and takes on your name legally and that child can never be unadopted. That child is partaker of that family name and will go forward with whatever the family heritage is, but if that child grows up and never contributes to the family and they only live for themselves and they don't help Mom and Dad and they go off on their own, sure, they still have the last name of Mom and Dad. They're still legally a part of that family. They will never be disowned legally; they cannot be. However, what rewards could that child possibly expect to gain from the family if that child was never a faithful child?

That's exactly what the Lord Jesus Christ is talking to us about here. We have to be very careful because we cannot look at things the way man looks at things, the way we're tempted to look at things. We have to look at things the way God wants us to see them.

Now, let's finish up this chapter here with verse 51. He says the master, the lord, is going to come in a day and hour when that servant is not looking for him. ***51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*** And with this final verse, verse 51, the Lord Jesus Christ brings it full circle back to the Jews. Remember the rules of interpretation: who is speaking, who is being spoken to, when was it said, when is it talking about. Jesus spoke plainly here, but if you follow it very carefully as we have done for several weeks, we have been in Chapter 24, we have come full circle. Remember, Jesus started with talking to the Jews, and basically, the

entire chapter was still talking to the Jews. And then graciously He included us, Gentiles, by saying whosoever readeth, let him understand.

But He brings it back full circle in verse 51 and He says "shall cut him asunder." He's talking about the Jews.

Look what has happened to the Jews in all of their history. Look what happened to them not just in World War II where six million Jews were slaughtered. Before World War II they were persecuted out of Russia. Before that, they were persecuted out of many parts of Europe, especially places like Spain. They were persecuted in the Middle East. They were persecuted by the world empires at the time. They were persecuted by the Roman Empire. They were persecuted by the Persian Empire. Before that, they were persecuted by the Babylonian Empire. The Jews have been cut asunder, as He says at the beginning of verse 51, all that time because they had not been faithful to the Lord's appointment to them and they have even rejected their own Messiah, the blessed Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He says He will cut them asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. What's a hypocrite? He's talking about the Jews. They are the ones who like to say they are the chosen people of God and then they rejected their God anyway. He says, *there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.* Of course, there's going to be weeping and gnashing of teeth because many of these people who thought that they had some kind of a favor with God it turns out they didn't.

That brings us to the end of our show today. I'm glad that we were able to finally finish Chapter 24, but we're by no means over with





this Bible study. As I said last week, we're probably going to be in here another four or five, maybe six weeks.

And we're going to finish looking at some things. I wanted us to look at Matthew Chapter 24 first because it came from the very mouth of Jesus Christ directly, and so we could see everything that we're going to study with the end times is basically summarized here in what He had to say in Matthew Chapter 24.

So next week, we're going to take a look at the rapture. We're going to take a look at I Thessalonians again. We're going to take a look at II Thessalonians. We're going to take a look at II Peter if we have time and maybe even get into Revelation and Daniel for a little bit.

So, dear listener, thank you so much listening.