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## **BUT OF THAT DAY AND THAT HOUR KNOWETH NO MAN**

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SCRIPTURE READING: **MATTHEW 24:35-51**

**Matthew 24:36, But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Mark 13:32, But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.**

### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. The **Gospel of Matthew** is written primarily to the Nation Israel.
- b. It was first written in Hebrew, the author being Matthew in 50 to 70 AD.
- c. It was directed primarily to the religious men of that time.
- d. Matthew presents the program of God as it relates to the Kingdom of Heaven.
- e. The Kingdom of Heaven is the theme of this Gospel.
- f. The One who is going to establish that Kingdom on earth is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- g. The **Gospel of Matthew** contains three major discourses concerning the Kingdom of Heaven.
- h. The Sermon on the Mount looks back into the past. It is the Law of the Kingdom.
- i. The Mystery Parables contained in **Matthew Chapter 13** reveal the condition of the Kingdom of Heaven in the world during the present age in which we live.
- j. Our Lord tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a sower, like a mustard seed, like leaven, and so on.
- k. The Olivet Discourse looks at the future to the return of the King and the things beyond this Age.
- l. We do not go to the **Book of Matthew** to obtain our Church doctrine.
- m. It is contained in other passages of scripture, such as the Epistles. We must remember we are commanded to continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine. **Acts 2:42, And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**
- n. Remember, the Kingdom of Heaven and the Church are not the same.
- o. It is important to know **Matthew** in order to understand the Bible.
- p. Some themes in the **Book of Matthew** are:
  1. Jesus came to save both the Jews and the Gentiles.
  2. There is one true God, but expressed in three persons, the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. **1 John 5:7, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**
  3. The standards of God are high, but the examples he gave us in Jesus Christ are perfect.
  4. **Christ is sufficient for whatever needs the Christian or believer may have. 2 Corinthians 12:9, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Colossians 2:10, And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**
  5. The ways of God are infinitely higher than the ways of the world or man. **Isaiah 55:8, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.**
  6. Jesus willingly laid down His life to redeem a sinful world with His perfect and acceptable sacrifice unto God. **John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Galatians 4:4, But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,**

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the July 24, 2022 Morning Message for the Introduction.

## 3. EIGHT POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

### c. My words shall not pass away.

1. **Matthew 24:35, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**
2. I am absolutely unshakable when it comes to the Preserved Word of God. I believe it is forever settled in Heaven. **Psalms 119:89, For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.**
3. God say Heaven and Earth shall pass away. There will be a new Heaven and a new Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. **2 Peter 3:13, Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Revelation 21:1, And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**
4. Notice, God's Word is to be held in awe. **Psalms 119:161, Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.** Every Word is pure. **Proverbs 30:5, Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.**

### d. But of that day and hour knoweth no man.

1. **Matthew 24:36, But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**
2. It is extremely necessary that we understand that the Word of God cannot be spiritualized and set aside in any way. We **MUST** take the Bible literally. We must understand what God is saying. We cannot and must not ignore or set aside clear verses in God's Preserved Word.
3. The Lord says this in **Matthew** and in **Mark: But of that day and hour knoweth no man,** This clear cut statement in both **Matthew** and **Mark**, should settle the issue.
4. Recently in the news someone is predicting the end of the world or judgment day. Sad to note there are many followers when the Bible emphatically tells us no man knows the day or the hour.
5. This should settle the issue. Those who run after people that set dates are certainly not reviewing God's Word as being final and complete.
6. There are no new revelations. Many of my friends want to tell me there are prophets this day in time. God has indicated that apostleship, prophecy, tongues and knowledge of putting the Bible together; all are gone. **God's revelation is complete for mankind.**
7. The Lord has sent us love letters directly from the throne of God and we must believe them as they are written without attempting to spiritualize God's Word. We must remember that some believed and some believed not. **John 6:64, But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.**

### e. But as the days of Noe were.

1. **Matthew 24:37, But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**
2. Christ is beginning to tell us about the activity that will be taking place just prior to His coming.
3. The stage is set for His coming. It won't be long, but I will not dare set a date.
4. We are closer than we ever were to the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
5. Notice some of the activity He reflects on.

### f. For as in the days that were before the flood.

1. **Matthew 24:38-39, For 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, 39: And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**
2. We know that in the days of Noah the thoughts and the imagination of the heart of man were only evil. **Genesis 6:5, 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.**
3. The Lord talks about the activity that will take place just prior to His coming. We see that there is a total disregard for God in most of our activities. We do not glorify Him. By the way, we were instructed that this was our main mission here on earth. **1 Corinthians 10:31, Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Isaiah 43:7, Even every one**

**that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.**

4. We are totally unthankful for the things that we have. If you recall, there were people during the days of Noah marrying and given in marriage. God instructed Noah to build an ark. **1 Thessalonians 5:18, In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**
5. He told Noah there would be a flood. Noah did what God told him to do. When that day arrived, no man knew exactly when that day would be, and God shut the door. **Genesis 7:16, And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in. Genesis 6:3, And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**  
To the unsaved, always remember that time is running out and mankind goes to Heaven on purpose, having made prior reservations. Also, mankind goes to Hell on purpose, not having made prior reservations.

**g. Then shall two be in the field.**

1. **Matthew 24:40-41, Then shall two be in the field: the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41: Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**
2. Just in case you are not completely conversant with the Word of God, this does not speak of the Rapture of the Church. You will not find the Church, for the most part, in the **Book of Matthew. The Book of Matthew** is all about the Kingdom of Heaven, the time when Jesus will come and sit on the throne and rule and reign for a thousand years.
3. You will find that this has to do with the judgment of the nations.
4. The Bible says when the flood came, they all perished.
5. This is a picture of renovating the earth by judgment; those who will not enter the Millennium. God will judge the nations. **Matthew 25:32, And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:** This is what **Matthew 24** is referring to.

**h. Watch therefore.**

1. **Matthew 24:42, Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**
2. It is very important for us to understand that God has already told us that no man knoweth.
3. We have people who want to have super-knowledge of what is going to happen on the scene of God's program.
4. God is in charge of all of it. He has instructed us to be ready! The last thing He will challenge us to do in this passage is to **WATCH and BE READY!**

**i. But know this.**

1. **Matthew 24:43-45, 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. 44: Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 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?**
2. The Lord Jesus left us in charge. During the age of grace, we are to get the Word of God out to a lost and dying world.
3. This speaks of the end of the age; the time when Jesus will come back to set up His throne.
4. The Lord has reserved knowing the time to Himself.
5. Mark validates the fact that no man knows. **Mark 13:33, Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.**
6. The Lord tells us to be wise as serpents. **Matthew 10:16, Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.**
7. He calls us to do a work, sending us forth to get the Gospel out to a lost and dying world. **1 Corinthians 1:18, For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 2 Timothy 4:2, Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**

**j. Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

1. **Matthew 24:46-51, Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47: Verily 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 fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50: 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, 51: And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**
2. The Bible warns us that there will be a day when there will be a falling away; people deliberately denying the fact that Jesus Christ is coming. **2 Thessalonians 2:3, Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 1 Timothy 4:1, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**
3. Some will even say the Lord has delayed His coming.
4. We are not to be weary in well doing. **2 Thessalonians 3:13, But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.** We are to get out and get the Gospel message to the lost.
5. Remember we are not in the converting business. We are to share the Word of God. We are to plant the seed.
6. There is no question in my mind that Jesus is coming again. The question I have for you is, **will you be ready when He comes?**
7. If you can emphatically say you will be ready, you will be out doing the Father's business.
8. Our mission is to be watchful; He can come at any moment at any time.
9. We have to get the Gospel out to a lost and dying world. **Mark 16:15, And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**
10. What are you doing for the cause of Christ this day?

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour?
- b. If you do not know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, today needs to be your day of salvation.
- c. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- d. **Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- e. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- f. Please stand.

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