

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, November 19, 2023
Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew
Message 111. “The Coming of the Son of Man” – Matthew 24:36-51
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Jesus begins now to answer the second question the disciples had asked in verse 3, “what will be the sign of Your coming (*parousia*)?” His answer leaves us with no signs or notice about His coming, but with encouragement to stay awake, be ready, and remain faithful.

- I. That Day and Hour – vs. 36-41
 - A. “But”
 1. Denoting a change of subject
 2. The question – vs. 3
 3. Answer 1 – vs. 4-35
 4. Answer 2 – 24:36-25:46
 - B. That Day
 1. Singular – vs. 36, 42, 44, 50; 25:13
 2. The Day of Judgment – 10:15; 11:22, 24; 12:36 (ends with final judgment 25:32 – all nations)
 3. That Day Will Be (vs. 27, 37)
 - a. Unmistakable
 - b. Universal
 - c. Undeniable
 - d. Unexpected
 4. No One Knows – 2 Peter 3:3-10
 - 1) Not the angels – 1 Peter 1:12
 - 2) Not the Son – Phil. 2:5-8; Acts 1:7-8; John 10:30; 14:28
 - 3) Only the Father – Matt. 20:23
 - C. A Sudden Interruption to a Normal Day
 1. Like in Noah’s Day – Gen. 7:6-24
 - a. All will be affected
 - b. Only the prepared will be saved
 - c. A day like any other – life goes on
 2. Taken – like in the flood – Matt. 13:37-43; John 15:5-6
- II. Stay Awake and Be Ready – vs. 42-44
 - A. Watch – Luke 12:39; 1 Thess. 5:2, 4; 2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15
 1. No last minute preparations
 2. No signs, an element of surprise
 - B. Be Ready
 1. Coming when you do not think He will
 2. RTFrance Quote #1
- III. The Faithful and Wicked Servants – vs. 45-51
 - A. Faithful and Wise – trustworthy and sensible
 1. He has a job to do and he does it
 2. He is blessed and will be rewarded
 - B. Evil and Unsuspecting – bad, harmful, with wrong motives
 1. “He isn’t coming” – no expectation or accountability
 2. The unfaithful will be judged with unbelievers and hypocrites (ch. 21-23)
 3. RTFrance Quote #2

Cross References

Matthew 10:15

15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Matthew 11:22

22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

Matthew 12:36

36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

Matthew 25:32

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

2 Peter 3:3-10

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to 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 creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, 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 which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

1 Peter 1:12

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

Philippians 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Acts 1:7-8

7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

John 10:30

30 I and My Father are one.”

John 14:28

28 You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.

Matthew 20:23

23 So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.”

Genesis 7:6-24

6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth. 7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, 9 two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark— 14 they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. 15 And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life. 16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. 17 Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. 20 The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. 21 And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. 23 So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive. 24 And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days.

Matthew 13:37-43

37 He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

John 15:5-6

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

Luke 12:39

39 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

2 Peter 3:10

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Revelation 3:3

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Revelation 16:15

15 “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

Quotes

1. “It demands a continuously acceptable lifestyle, not an attempt to calculate the timing so as to prepare for that event.” – RT France

2. “Simply belonging to the disciple community is not in itself a guarantee of ultimate salvation.”
– RT France