

Introduction to the Olivet Discourse – Part 1

Mark 13

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1. The nature of prophecy of the future

- a.) Prophecy of the future reveals God's nature

- b.) Prophecy of the future is meant to affect our lives now

- c.) Prophecy of the future sometimes brings together into one prophecy events that will be widely separated chronologically

- d.) Prophecy of the future sometimes presents as imminent, events that will not occur for hundreds or thousands of years

2. What “the day of the Lord” is and why it matters

Next study: Background to the Olivet Discourse in Christ's Previous Teaching

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What is the Olivet Discourse? Why is it called this?
3. What does it mean that God declared the end from the beginning? (Isaiah 46:10)
4. What does the term, “the day of the Lord,” mean? Name at least one passage that uses this term.
5. What term does Deuteronomy 4:30 use in reference to the day of the Lord?
6. How should we be affected by the prophecies of future judgment?
7. What does it mean to repent?
8. What is the only way a person can be saved from the wrath to come? See 1 Thess. 1:9-10.

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Should our doctrinal beliefs change as time goes on? Explain.
3. Do you struggle with reading the OT prophets devotionally? Explain.
4. Before listening to this sermon, how did you view the study of the Bible’s prophecies of the future? Did this sermon change your view in any way?
5. Why are the Bible’s prophecies of the future important?
6. Why do passages like Isaiah 61:1-2 and Zephaniah 1 bring together into one prophecy events that are widely separated chronologically?
7. Why do prophecies like Isaiah 9:6; 56:1-2; and Joel 3 present as imminent, events that would not occur for hundreds or thousands of years?
8. Throughout the week, how mindful are you of the future day of the Lord? Should you be more mindful of it? Explain.
9. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?