

Don't Know the Day nor the Hour, But I'm Ready!

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Matthew 24:36-51

Luke 17:30-

1. **NO ONE** knows the Day or the Hour – only the Father knows the time of the return of Jesus

- **Angels** - in heaven don't know
- **Jesus himself** - doesn't know (at least while he was on earth he didn't know - *Mat 24:36*)
- **No one** – except the Father himself
- **So how ought we to live with such uncertainty?**

2. So how were the days of Noah and Lot:

Noah's Day

- The earth was corrupt in God's sight
- The earth was filled with violence
- They were - eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and took them all away.

Lot's Day

- They were - eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building – the same day Lot left the city and God rained down and fire and brimstone and killed them all.

3. **His second coming will be swift and sudden** – there will be no opportunity for last-minute repentance or bargaining. The choices we have already made will determine our eternal destiny.

- Two in the field – one taken the other left
- Two women grinding – one taken the other left
- He on the housetop & his stuff inside – don't go down to get it
- He that is in the field - don't return to the house to get it
- Two men in the bed – one taken and one left

4. **Don't look for a sign** – you can easily be misled by false signs of power and authority

- **We can't be misled** - if we focus on Christ and his Words
- **Be more concerned with being prepared** – living God's way consistently so that no matter when he returns, you are ready

5. **We are to spend the time of waiting** - taking care of his people and doing his work here on earth, both within the church and outside.

* **Wheat (Saints) and Tares (Sinners)** – at harvest time the angels gather the tares first and bundle them to be burned. Then gather the wheat for the Master's barns. *

Which are You and Are You Ready???