

The Beginning Of The Gospel (Mark 13:28-37)

Spiritual Alertness

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Signs Tell Us What Is Directly Ahead Of Us

Mark 13:28 Learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

One Generation Will Experience The Return Of The Lord From This Side Of Eternity

Mark 13:29-30 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

The Word Of The Lord Is More Reliable Than Anything Or Anyone In All Creation

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

1st Peter 1:24-25 All flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower fadeth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you!

Psalms 119:160 The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Psalms 33:11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

Psalms 119:89 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

John 1:1and14a In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...the word became flesh and dwelt amongst us...

The Exact Detail Of The Return Of The Lord Is Kept By God The Father Alone

Mark 13:32 No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Spiritual Alertness Is What A Child Of God Is Admonished To

Mark 13:33-34 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

Mark 13:35-37 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he finds you sleeping! what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

The Spirit Is Willing But The Flesh Is Weak

Matthew 26:38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Matthew 26:40-41 He returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Mature Believers Are To Be Especially Watchful

Acts 20:30-31 From your own selves (Elders) shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after themselves. Therefore watch and remember that for three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

All Believers Are To Be Spiritually Alert

1st Corinthians 16:13 ...Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober.

Churches Are To Be Watchful

Revelation 3:2-3 Sardis... Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard and hold fast and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Individuals Must Be Spiritually Awake Especially As We See The Day Of The Lord Fast Approaching

Revelation 16:12-14 The sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth into the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...

Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief! Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.