

**Revelation 20:1-6 and Matthew 24:29-35***Future Things: The Glorious 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming*

(pt. 9)

**INTRO:** As you think about the future- what do you look forward to the most?

I) **The Horrific Tribulation**

(Matthew 24:4-28)

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(Matthew 24:29f)

The “Horrible Tribulation” and the “Glorious Return of Christ” should impact our lives in a multiplicity of ways:

Jesus’ disciples must be:

1)

(Matthew 24:32-35)

Tribulation showers (vv. 3-28) bring mean what?

What is “the pain then glory” principle. (Rom. 8:16-18; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)

**For Further Reflection/Application:** *We must be doers of the Word and not merely hearers*

As you think about the future- what do you look forward to the most? Be honest.

When life here below is really good- why are we tempted to lose sight of what really matters in relation to eternity future?

Consider trials (James 1) and loving discipline from our heavenly Father (Heb. 12) in view of this struggle. How does this help us to have a more biblical perspective on such things?

Most Christians know that we should be more heavenly minded, but we often struggle to live each day in light of eternity. What can we do to try and better flesh out the practical implications of passages of Scripture like Colossians 3:1-4, 1 John 3:1-3, and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18? Share your thoughts and ideas with Christian family and church friends this week.

How does Matthew 24-25 and Revelation 4-22 demonstrate Christ's sovereign control over the future? "I know he holds my life, my future, in His hands!"

List some of the practical ways biblical prophecy and eschatology can help encourage a believer who is really struggling with fear, anxiety, and worry?

What signs/birth pangs will mark that the end of this present evil age is drawing neigh? (note past two sermons Matthew 24:3-25).

Jesus is going to return one day! What difference ought this "blessed hope" have on our daily walks? Think in terms of holiness, evangelism, worship, priorities, prayer, stewardship, tithing, etc.

It's been said that "some people are so heavenly minded they do no earthly good." I have yet to meet anyone with this problem. I have met many believers who are so earthly minded that they make very little impact in terms of what matters most (and that which "echoes in eternity.") See Matthew 6:19-20 and Philippians 1:21.

The things of this world are passing away. Then why do we live like the world sometimes striving after the same passing pleasures and/or temporal things? How do passages like Matthew 24-25 and Rev. 19-22 helps us to battle against any expression of heart idolatry?

**Related Praise Songs:** *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in order that we may go high!*

Check out the LYRICS of these lesser known songs.

*See He Comes*- Sovereign Grace

*Eternal Praise*- Enfield

*Let the Seventh Angel Sound*- Isaac Watts

*Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending!* Charles Wesley

*One Day When Heaven Is Filled With His Praises*- Casting Crowns

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*- Ghost Ship

*The King is Coming*- Gaither band

*All Things New*- Red Mountain Music

### ***When We See Your Face- Sovereign Grace***

*“Though the dark is overwhelming  
And the brightest lights grow dim  
Though the Word of God  
Is trampled on by foolish men  
Though the wicked never stumble  
And abound in every place  
We will all be humbled when we see Your face*

*And the demons we’ve been fighting  
Those without and those within  
Will be underneath our feet  
To never rise again  
All our sins will be behind us  
Through the blood of Christ erased  
And we’ll taste Your kindness when we see Your face*

*We will see, we will know  
Like we’ve never known before  
We’ll be found, we’ll be home  
We’ll be Yours forevermore*

*All the waiting will be over  
Every sorrow will be healed  
All the dreams it seemed  
Could never be will all be real  
And You’ll gather us together  
In Your arms of endless grace  
As Your Bride forever when we see Your face”*

**Related Biblical Texts:** *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Daniel 9-12; Matt. 6:19-20; 24-25; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Col. 3:1-4; Phil. 1:21; 1 John 3:1-3; Rev. 1-20.

**Related Biblical Terms /Theological Concepts Terms:** 1 Timothy 3:15, Jude 3.

“**Relative Chronology** is placing events in the order they happened relative to one another. You don’t have to know necessarily specific dates, but you should be able to use associations to figure out how to place eras and events in relative chronological order.”

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTION- If “no man knows the exact hour of Jesus’ return,” how can we harmonize this seeing that our theological camp teaches that the Tribulation period will last 7 years (per Daniel 9)...and that the midpoint takes place once “the Abomination of Desolation” happens (note Matt. 24:15)? In other words, if the Great Tribulation lasts 3 1/2 years won’t Tribulation believers be able to watch the calendar and thus know that in 3 1/2 years Jesus will return?

ANSWER- We have a relative chronology (see term above) but we still do not know the exact moment. Furthermore, that is why in Matthew 24 people are to be expectant because they have relative chronology. But they must be alert because they don’t know precisely when these events will take place.