

"LOOK FOR HIS COMING"

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WHO IS THE LORD COMING BACK FOR ?

We as followers of Christ are often referred to as sheep in the New Testament. I once read an article about sheep that really impressed me and it has stayed in my mind. In ancient Israel a shepherd always stayed with the sheep. Often two, three, or four flocks would go to a watering hole at the same time. It would appear that when the sheep mingled together that it would be impossible to know which sheep were of what flock. It was very simple to separate them. One of the shepherds would back off on the hillside and call his sheep. The sheep knew the voice of that shepherd and they would one by one return to him. They would separate out like they had mingled. They would follow only the voice that they knew. What voice are you following? Who is your master?

John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

John 10:2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

If you want to know for sure that you are one of his go to The First Epistle Of John (Not the Gospel of John) and read it. The word "know" appears twenty-seven times. The word "knowest " appears six times. This is thirty-three times in one-hundred and five verses. You can believe as you like but I believe that John had the Revelation given to him before he wrote either the gospel of John or the Epistles of John. It would take some time to explain, but in short the deity of Christ is always held high. Read the first verse in the gospel of John and go from there.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Mat 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
Mat 13:4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
Mat 13:5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up,
because they had no deepness of earth:
Mat 13:6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered
away.
Mat 13:7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
Mat 13:8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold,
some thirtyfold.
Mat 13:9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Many know what the word of God says and turn away. Some hear the word and receive it into the mind. Others see the word and read it receiving it in the mind. Others hear and receive into the heart. The heart is fertile ground. It will grow and produce. The heart can cause you to know when you have transgressed. The mind is carnal, worldly, and the reason of man. The heart is spiritual.

The Lord has given us a measure to go by. (1) The seed by the way side are devoured quickly. (2) The stony ground has no deepness or root and soon fall away. (3) Thorns choked them out. (4.) Good soil brings forth fruit.

See the attached chart which shows the above. The first three are grouped together as none can endure, overcome, nor bear fruit. They are not of the flock. The first three are grouped together. The fourth is grouped by it self as it is in good ground and can endure, and overcometh as well as bear fruit. You can look at any parable and most all sayings in the New Testament and see which category it fits in. Where do you fit in?

The bible is clear in that if we love him we will keep his commandments, we will follow him, we will love the brethren and we will know his voice.

The question was asked, "Who is the Lord Coming For" and the answer is His Own. The following traits are seen in them. Salvation comes by faith below is evidence of that faith.

1. His sheep
2. Know his voice
3. Follow him.
4. Keep his commandments
5. Planted in the good ground
6. Love the brethren.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION: To make an awareness that we are living in the last days of the last days. The coming of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God is at the doors. This is a monthly publication distributed to a mailing list, churches, business, and handed out. A home computer is used to generate it. The main issues addressed are (1) End Times Scriptures and Prophecy (2) Condition of the times including our churches (3) Current and past fulfillment of Prophecy (4) Related current events. I am trying to be a good steward of the precious time we have left and do as I feel God is directing.

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PARABLE OF THE SOWER

(MAT. 13:3-9)

1. WAY SIDE

2. STONY GROUND

3. THORNS

4. GOOD GROUND

HOW DOES EACH OF US MEASURE UP ON THE ABOVE RULER?

Recently I heard a minister say that this parable told him that seventy-five percent of the church members were not saved. I do not know. Could be less or could be a lot more. The Lord already knows who will know his voice when he calls. We do know many are called, few or chosen also broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Many debate if we will go through the great tribulation. It is certain that the first three listed above will if they are still alive at His coming. A high percentage of our nation would likely fall in this category.

In future issues we plan to take up such topics as - Is modern Israel really Israel? - 666 - Abomination of desolation - and Earth movement and heavens shaken as well as many others as the Lord permits.

We welcome QUESTIONS. We may not have the answer or the bible may be silent on a particular subject. We are interested in questions that the bible has an answer.

Please let us know if you have a particular issue you wish addressed.