

Sermon Reflections

Thinking about the Future (Part 3) • Matthew 24:1–51

Summary: Don't be alarmed. Rest assured that God will keep every promise of His Word to the very end. Trust His plan.

No Need to Be Alarmed, If You...

1. Identify the Turning Point (vv. 15–22)

- Jesus is teaching about the future tribulation and the signs that will be present. God's Word is most helpful to His people when His people know His Word. Christ clearly identifies specific signs that future believers in the tribulation should be noticing. A main takeaway for us today is that we need to know our Bibles.
- What are some sections of Scripture that you need to know more? Does knowing more of the Bible help you understand the world around you? List a few ways how this is true.

2. Ignore the False Calls (vv. 23–28)

- Truth is true regardless of the 'signs' that might tempt you to think otherwise. God's Word is what determines truth. This means that as believers we are not to get caught up with conspiracies and 'newspaper theology.'
- When we hear of something troubling or confusing in the world, what should you do? How does God's Word bring clarity and comfort? List a few passages that speak to this.

3. Incline Your Gaze (vv. 29–31)

- As believers, we are to look heavenward and place our hope in the future return of our King. How does the testimony of creation reassure us and point us to God? Read Ps 19, Rom 1:18–32, and Acts 17:22–31. What are some promises that you joyfully look forward to see fulfilled? In what passages do you anchor your hope?

4. Interpret the Signs (vv. 32–35)

- Practically, our eschatology (our view and understanding of last things) should be affecting our day-to-day life. Why is that so? What are some passages that speak about this hope? Read 1 Peter 1:3–12 and 3:13–16.
- Because of your understanding of the future day of judgment, what priorities do you have as a believer? How should this affect your relationship with others in your life? Who is someone that you can share the good news of the gospel with this week?