

AWARE of the Imminent

AWARE Series (AWARE-03)

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- Imminent – defined – likely to happen at any moment
- Difference between likely to happen and could happen at any moment – indicators (signs)
 - AWARE of the imminent – Always Watching And Ready Everyday for things that are likely to happen or indicators showing a great possibility of something happening
- Consequences of the UNAWARE

The Imminent Return of Jesus

- Understanding the signs of the times – know the best course to take (1 Chronicles 12:32) current events including
 - Globalization – preparation for one-world government and global economic and monetary system
 - the rise of false prophets and false teachings
 - the love of many believers growing cold
 - traditional morals becoming less accepted
 - wars and national conflicts
 - earthquakes and other natural disasters
 - people abandoning their Christian faith
 - Clear majorities also see famines and pestilence
 - and anti-Semitism toward Jewish people worldwide
 - All indicators or signs of Jesus' return.
- Two parts
 - The rapture (catching away) of the church
 - Tribulation – God's wrath poured out as judgment upon the earth
 - The return of Jesus to establish the millennial kingdom and rule upon the earth
- Mark 13:32-33
- AWARE – Always Watching And Ready Everyday
- 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

When?

- James 5:7-8
- Revelation 1:3

Expecting the Unexpected

- Luke 12:40
- Luke 12:37
- Ready all the time – implies imminence – likely to happen at any time
- 1 Thessalonians 5
 - Concerning how and when
 - The day of the Lord's return will come unexpected
 - But you aren't in the dark about these things
 - You are children of the light
 - Be on your guard, stay alert, clear headed
- Last Days Scoffers – 2 Peter 3
 - Scoffers will come, mocking the truth
 - They will say "Whatever happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again?"
 - A day of judgment when the ungodly people will be destroyed
 - The Lord is not being slow about his promise
 - He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but everyone to repent
 - The day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief
 - What holy and godly lives you should live
 - Looking forward to the day and hurrying it along
- Luke 12:35-38
 - Dressed for service
 - Keep your lamps burning
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11