

Matthew 24:30

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:36,44

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

“No one knows the time, so don’t waste your time trying to guess the time; be ready all the time because Jesus could come at any time.”

Revelation 19:9

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

“Missions exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”

John Piper - [Let the Nations Be Glad](#)

- Engagement
- Betrothal
- Wedding Feast/Marriage

“A torch was created by wrapping rags around a pole and then dipping the rags in oil. When the oil-soaked rags were ignited, the torch would provide illumination for about 15 minutes. The rags had to be soaked in oil again so the torch could continue to give light.”

Dr. R.C. Sproul- Matthew: An Expositional Commentary

Matthew 7:26

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

1. Those who Procrastinated

2 Corinthians 6:2

Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 3:7-9

"Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts

Matthew 22:11-13

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. ¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

2. Those who were Prepared

2 Timothy 4:7-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

2 Peter 3:3-4

³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

"Normally the bridegroom with some close friends left his home to go to the bride's home, where there were various ceremonies, followed by a procession through the streets—after nightfall—to his home. The ten virgins may be bridesmaids who have been assisting the bride; and they expect to meet the groom as he comes from the bride's house. . . . Everyone in the procession was expected to carry his or her own torch. Those without a torch would be assumed to be party crashers or even a bandit. The festivities, which might last several days, would formally get under way at the groom's house"

D.A. Carson - Expositor's Bible Commentary

3. Those who will be Preserved

Genesis 7:11

And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

4. Those who will Perish

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.

Encouragement for Christians

"Live as if you thought that Christ might come at any time. Do everything, as if you did it for the last time. Say everything, as if you said it for the last time. Read every chapter in the Bible, as if you did not know whether you would be allowed to read it again. Pray every prayer, as if you felt it might be your last opportunity. Hear every sermon, as if you were hearing once and forever. This is the way to be found ready. This is the way to turn Christ's second appearing to good account. This is the way to put on the armor of light."

J.C. Ryle

Warning for unbelievers

"The first time Christ came to slay sin in men.
The second time He will come to slay men in sin."

A. W. Pink