
Now Is The Time

part 4

Matt. 10

“Go first to the lost sheep of Israel.” v.6

Why ?

“and as you go, preach saying, ‘the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” v.7

“By the sleeping disciples is represented a sleeping church, when the day of God’s visitation is nigh. It is a time of clouds and thick darkness, when to be found asleep is most perilous.” 2 T 205

“Christ is at the door. Men and women are in the last hours of probation, and yet are careless and foolish, and preachers have no power to arouse them; they are asleep themselves. Sleeping ministers preaching to sleeping people!” GW 121 2 T 337

Matt. 24 - destruction of Jerusalem

- signs of the end

- faithful servant vs. evil servant

Matt. 25 - 10 virgins

- talents

- Jesus judging people based on service

Jesus gives 3 parables showing how to prepare

How do you watch and wait ? Serve !

How do you get oil ? Serve !

How do you multiply your talents ? Serve !

In the parables, those that do not serve are lost.
Those that don't serve have nothing to do with Christ.

Jesus is coming again – Are you ready ?

When will you get ready ?

What will you be doing in the last day ?

“And he said to me, ‘Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.’”

Rev.22:10-12

There is a time, before Jesus comes, when the door of probation will close.

When that day comes, what will you be doing, where will you be ?

You will do exactly what you do today !

“Today is the time for salvation.” 2 Cor.6:2

“Today if you hear his voice...” Heb.4:7

“And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, drank, and married, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, drank, bought, sold, they planted, and built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” Luke 17:26-30

What will that day be like ?

Jesus says, it will be
like in Noah's day,
and
like in Lot's day

“When you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel standing in the Holy Place, then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains...”

Matt.24:15

Greek word – **belugma** – a detestable thing rooted in idolatry that goes against God’s holy principles or institutions

Marriage and Sabbath

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What was it like in those days ?

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“Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot: they ate, drank, bought, sold, planted, and built.”

Soon probation will come to a close. On that day there will be no more change, people will remain the way they are. However, no one will know that day. On that day it will be business as usual, all the same just like the day before. The things you do now, will be the things you will do then.

How it was in Noah's time - Gen. 6&7

How it was in Noah's time:

“The men of that generation were not all, in the fullest acceptation of the term, idolaters. Many professed to be worshipers of God. Their minds had become so blinded by constant rejection of light that they really believed Noah's message to be a delusion.” PP 95

“They manifested their contempt for the warning of God by doing just as they had done before the warning was given. They continued to plant and build, but the period of their probation was about to expire... Now the servant of God made his last solemn appeal to the people. Animals obeyed the command of God, coming into the ark, while men were disobedient. Men had become so hardened by their persistent rejection of light that even this scene produced but a momentary impression.” PP 97

If you don't do it now, you will become blind and paralyzed in your ways; you will not do it then. Whatever you do today will be what you will do that day, business as usual. Soon the door of probation will close, and that day it will be just a regular day, business as usual.

The door was open for absolutely anybody that
wanted to enter





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**"The Mountain is a
Mile Away..."**

**The Mountain Ain't
Gonna Hurt Me... Boy."**



Num. 22 – Balaam

Often, we don't pray to learn God's will, rather we pray to seek God's approval for our will.

God in his grace and mercy sent an angel to stop him and save him. The donkey stopped, Balaam didn't.

Anybody can get blind. When you procrastinate, that's exactly what happens to you, your mind and heart get blinded and hardened, and then no miracle, no event regardless how great will change you.

If you don't act on it now, you will not do it later.
It is dangerous to delay.

“You almost persuaded me.” Acts 26:28

Almost persuaded is surely lost.

Almost acting on what God says,

Almost serving,

Almost in heaven ...

Almost ...

It is dangerous, deadly to delay

How it was in Lot's time – Gen.19

“The outcry is so great, and their sin is very grave, I will go down there and see.” Gen.19:20,21

Investigative judgment

He goes there for 2 reasons:

1. A last attempt to save anyone if possible
 2. To prove God's love and character and justice
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Regardless how weak one may be, as soon as he chooses to turn around, God will do anything to save him.

“Lot could have preserved his family from many evils, had he not made his home in this wicked, polluted city. All that Lot and his family did in Sodom could have been done by them, even if they had lived in a place some distance away from the city. Enoch and Abraham walked with God, yet they did not live in the midst of the city, polluted with every kind of violence and wickedness, as did Lot.” Ev. 79

“As long as God gives me power to speak to our people, I shall continue to call upon parents to leave the cities and get homes in the country.” AH 146

“Believers who are now living in the cities will soon have to move to the country, that they may save their children from ruin.” CL 19

“The angels stroke them with blindness.” Gen.19:11

So focused in their plans, desires, and ways, that they are blind to what happens around them even before they get physically blinded.

What you do today, you will do tomorrow, and you will do always, it becomes who you are.

God calls us to change today, to act today.

“Today if you hear his voice do not harden your hearts.” Heb.4:7

If you don't act on it today it will harden your heart.

If we focus too much on the *here and now*, and if we continue to procrastinate, we will lose focus on the *there and then*, we will harden our hearts and eventually become insensitive to God's call, we will become blind. Then we will never change.

“And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.”

Gen.19:16

That’s how God is, abounding in mercy and grace and love and patience, ready to help and to save.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matt.6:21

“Seek first the kingdom of God and all other things will be provided.” Matt.6:33

He provided for Elijah

He provided for Israel in wilderness

He will carry you in his palms (Is.46:4)

He will order his angels to protect you (Ps.91:11)

Water and bread will be sure (Is.33:16)

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

John 14:1-3

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Rev.22:12

Jesus is coming - Now is the time to get ready
If not now, then when? Today is the day
