



PREPARED FOR HIS SOON RETURN SERIES

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WATCH AND PRAY TO BE SEALED

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

(Luke 21:36)

As we have seen in the previous message, Jesus mentioned three things that could negatively affect our spiritual life and prevent us to watch and pray.

- surfeiting (overindulgence in worldly things, seeking for worldly things in excess),
- Drunkenness (carelessness regarding the things of God, being totally lost in the things of this world),
- the cares of this life (the concern about worldly things, career, money, fame, worldly ambitions, houses, success, positions, and the likes).

If these things do not overshadow us, we will have the moral predisposition to spend time with God through study and prayer for the purpose of settling in the Truth both intellectually and spiritually (SDA Bible Commentary Vol 4 p1161), and knowing God experientially to naturally trust and obey Him.

By beholding Jesus daily through spending time with Him, we will be changed in His image, so we might bear His likeness in character (The Review and Herald, May 21, 1895). 7BC 970.3), retain that image in us (The Signs of the Times, July 18, 1911, 7BC 970.4), and ultimately be sealed by the Holy Spirit for the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30).

That sealing is the escape that will keep Christians safe in times of trouble and allow them to stand before Jesus blameless at His son return. Like the early Christians had the small city of Pella provided as a refuge, before the destruction of Jerusalem, like the Israelites had time to sprinkle the blood-mark, ensuring their safety before Egyptians first-born were slain, God will seal and shield those who have Christ living in them before the final destruction that are to come on the earth through the final plagues. Christ in us is the only hope to see His face in glory when He returns

Are you taking time today through prayer and Bible study for Christ to be formed inside of you?

Our prayer for you is to be intentional, for God to seal you for glory.

By His grace, we will see His face, not in shame but in righteousness. Amen

Yours in the blessed hope.

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