

End Times / Christ's Return / Rapture

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What does the Bible say about End Times or "The Rapture"?

God is kind and patient

Psalms 145:8-9,13,17

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord **is good to all;**

He has **compassion on all He has made...**The Lord **is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made.** The **Lord is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all He has made.**

Jeremiah preached for 23 years

Psalms 145:18-20

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The Lord is near to **all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.** He fulfills the desires **of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.** The Lord **watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.**

God comes to us

God - our Father reveals Himself in His word – through His Son and by His Spirit

"No one comes to the Father unless the Spirit draws Him" Jesus said. Jesus' Spirit invites men to trust in Him!

Our Lifestyle and Love Proves Jesus' Lordship

Matthew 25:34-46

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. 42 For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. 43 I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' 45 "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' 46 "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

Proverbs 9:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Job 28:28

And the Lord said to man, 'The fear of the Lord — that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'"

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding.

Isaiah 33:6 {The Lord} He will be the sure foundation *for your times*, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

God wants sincerity

James 4:17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

1 Cor 1:20-23

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified

1 Cor 1:30 It is because of Him (the lovingkindness of God the Father) that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

Job 28:28 And the Lord said to man, 'The fear of the Lord — that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'

Jesus' Return Will Be Unexpected For Many

Luke 17:26-31

Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

"It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

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Peter 3:8-9 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance

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Thessalonians 5:1-7 Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them suddenly ... and there will be no escape. 4 But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded.

The season has been revealed to the church – that she might be personally ready and publicly warning others that the return of Jesus is at hand.

John 2:11 This beginning *of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory*; and His disciples believed in Him.

Ps 90:10-12 Our lives last seventy years or, if we are strong, eighty years. Even the best of them are struggle and sorrow; indeed, they pass quickly and we fly away. Who understands the power of Your anger? Your wrath matches the fear that is due You. Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts.

1. The Bible is not silent about the times
2. God intends for us to discern the signs of His coming
3. We must be prepared – be waiting, be watching, to working, be warning, be ready!
4. *There Is Still Time to place your trust in Jesus!* – Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, BOOM – YOU'RE IN THE ARK!