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TODAY'S WORSHIP SONG

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

**TO ALL OUR WORKERS,
VOLUNTEERS,
TITHERS AND GIVERS,
WE SAY A BIG**

Thank You

The Signs of MATTHEW 24

Written by Raymond Sieg

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In Matthew 24:1-35, Jesus talked about several disturbing signs that would occur in the future. For example, He said that His followers would "hear of wars and rumors of wars" (vs.6). He also mentioned conflicts between nations and kingdoms, as well as "famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (vs.7). Although these signs are often applied to the Lord's return, Jesus related them to the occasion when the Jewish temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed.

Beginning at Matthew 24:36 and continuing through chapter 25, Jesus did talk about His return. As He discussed His return He had this to say: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). Did you hear what the Lord said? He declared that no man or angel knows the time of His return. Only the Father knows. Because no one knows when Jesus will return, we must listen to the instructions that He gave. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matthew 24:42). "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13).

It is imperative that we follow these instructions because, when Jesus returns, "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works

that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

There will be no signs leading up to the Lord's return. Two inspired apostles, Paul and Peter, stated that the day of the Lord will arrive "as a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10). In other words, the Lord's return will be sudden and unexpected. So, when you hear of natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, forest fires, and volcanoes erupting, and when you hear of conflicts throughout the world, do not be alarmed. Such things do not mean that Christ is about to return.

The Lord wants us to get ready for His return by obeying the Gospel. He wants us to stay ready for His return by remaining faithful to Him. By being prepared we can actually look forward to the Lord's return, and we can join the apostle John in saying, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20). Are you ready?

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SUNDAY CLASS STUDY

SIX ATTITUDES OF GIVING - PART 2 OF 2

Introduction: Last week, we started this study and clearly explained the first three attitudes of giving. We also highlighted the importance Jesus placed on giving in His ministry here on earth. It is not the value of your gift that is important, but the attitude of your giving. Take note that God sees your heart and why you do what you do. In other words, our attitude toward giving is far more important than the gift. The question now is, what are the other attitudes toward giving?

1. The attitude of Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37) - It is not difficult to understand why Barnabas was called a good man (Acts 11:24). This is the kind of man we should strive to imitate. Think of all the good that would be done if all people in the church were free-hearted, liberal givers and good like Barnabas. The contrast between Barnabas and the rich young ruler Judas, Ananias, and Sapphira is striking. Why did Barnabas do this good deed? He had a wonderful attitude toward giving and was passionate about the welfare of others. He was not only about himself but the desire to make others comfortable was real. Note that our giving must be done with pure heart without ulterior motives.

2. The attitude of the poor widow (Mark 12:41-44) - Suppose that on each Lord's Day, you were to walk up before the congregation and put your offering on the

table where all could see it. Are you not going to be embarrassed? You would not be if you gave liberally as the poor widow. If we would all give liberally as God has prospered us, our contribution would increase, and we would add good works instead of deleting them. One preacher said, "When I look at the well-dressed congregation, I ask, where are the poor? When I look at the collection plate, I ask where are the rich?" Let us all define ourselves on our giving culture. Can we proudly walk to the altar if we are to place our offerings on the palm of Jesus?

3. The attitude of David (2 Sam 24:24) - I wish we could have this type of attitude. Notice Malachi's rebuke - Malachi 1:12-14. We ought not to be giving God our leftovers, and our giving must not be an after thought. We should take our giving seriously because our well-being depends on it. If there is a need to re-evaluate your giving, now you have another opportunity. See, it is easy to talk, but putting your words into action will make the difference.z



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servant of God each day. Imagine wanting to attend to hundreds of people daily. Only God can minister to billions of people even at the same time. However, to have better communication with Pastor Sam, kindly do the following ways:

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Note: Though it is a good thing to help your friends, neighbors, and relatives when they are in problem. However, that it is not helpful to us to give any of our numbers to them when they have issues. It will be beneficial to them if you rather introduce our ministry to them long before the days of evil so that they will not be looking for any fire-brigade approach during emergency. Thanks.

DEVOTION TODAY With Pastor Christie



Monday's Path: Acts 24:20 Or else let those who are here themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,

Pathway: Paul was outnumbered, opposed by Jewish leaders and an articulate lawyer named Tertullus. What could he say to defend himself against such overwhelming opposition? The resurrection was so important that Paul made this central to his defense. It also was the main issue for his accusers. What problems do you face? Are you discouraged? Anxious? Do you feel hopeless? Or are you confident in God? The Bible encourages you to trust Him in every situation. Walk by Faith. Remember, God raised Jesus from the dead! He can solve your problems.

*O Lord, commit these situations to You. I believe You for victory in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Tuesday's Path: Acts 25:12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"

Pathway: Porcius Festus had a relatively undistinguished career. He reigned as Roman governor in Judea for less than two years before dying while in office. Paul's situation was among the first cases he faced as governor. Jewish leaders lobbied for Paul to be brought to Jerusalem, hoping to ambush him. But Festus wanted to hear Paul in person. After defending himself, Paul appealed to Caesar. Festus has no choice but to grant this request. People like Festus come and go. They achieve power and gain wealth for a season. But eventually, those things fade. But those like Paul, who focus on serving God, receive rewards that cannot fade.

*O Lord, I commit my life to You. I seek first Your Kingdom. I look to You for Your rewards in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Wednesday's Path: Acts 26:14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

Pathway: As he spoke to King Agrippa, Paul perfectly remembered the moment he met Jesus, and every word he heard, even though it had taken place many years earlier. He had told his testimony before, but his enthusiasm for the story never seemed to wane. Can you remember the day you met Jesus? The day He changed your life? Today, think about what He has done for you and His call on your life. Be ready to share that testimony with others.

*O Lord, I dedicate myself to You. May I please You with my life in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Thursday's Path: Acts 28:15 And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

Pathway: Paul had been through enormous difficulties. He had faced angry mobs and debated skeptical politicians. He had been arrested and imprisoned. He had been beaten and tortured. His ship was destroyed on his journey to Rome, and he barely escaped. But Paul also "was encouraged." As a result of seeing these believers, he was strengthened. Think about people in your life who need to be encouraged—pastors and teachers, coworkers and employers, parents and missionaries, friends and family members.

*O Lord, Give me opportunities to minister to others in Your name in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Friday's Path: Rom. 1:4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Pathway: The opening sentences of Romans can look like an introduction with no special importance. But these sentences are packed with important principles. Paul was reminding believers why they should have the attitude of a servant. His message: Being a Christian means serving Jesus. It means denying ourselves, taking up our cross daily, and following Him (Luke 9:23). If you want to be great in God's eyes, seek to have the attitude of a servant. Focus on being a servant. Humble yourself before Him.

*O Lord, I am Your servant. I commit my life to serve You in Jesus' name. PRAY!

Saturday's Path: Rom. 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your Faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

Pathway: One of Paul's purposes in writing Christians in Rome was to speak about the world at that time and how believers fit into it. These principles apply to you. Remember, God has called you for this specific time in history. He has given you a specific personality and specific gifts, specific experiences, and specific training. He can equip you and help you see the mission field in which you have been placed (John 4:35),

*O Lord, give me a sensitivity to the world around me. Use me to impact lives for the Gospel in Jesus' name.

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