



The Returning King Matthew 24

Matthew 24:36–44 (NIV)

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

I. The Great Answers About His Return

- **The Date Is Unknown**

Verse 26 – “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”



- **The Signs are Inescapable**

Verse 37-39 – “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.”

Genesis 6:5-6 (NIV)

The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

- **The Return Will Be Unannounced**

Verse 39, 43 – “They knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.”

1 Thessalonians 5:2-10 (NIV)

“You know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ... But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.”

- **The Process Will Be Selective**

Verse 40, 41 – “Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.”

II. The Greater Question about His Return

Am I Ready?

Verse 44 - “So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come...”

1 John 2:28 (ESV)

“Abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

