

## TAKING HEED TO OURSELVES

Text: Luke 21:34-36

- The most explicit promise of a pre-tribulational \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospels:

### I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF WORTHINESS (vs. 34)

- Escape is promised only to those who are “accounted (counted) \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - What it does not mean:
    - Not that we are saved by good \_\_\_\_\_, self-effort, self-worth, or self-righteousness of any kind (Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, Rom. 3:20).
    - Not that only the most worthy, spiritual saints will be taken in a \_\_\_\_\_ Rapture (1 Cor. 15:51).
  - What it does mean:
    - All \_\_\_\_\_ believers, people born again by faith in Jesus Christ and made “worthy” in the righteousness of Christ, will be taken in the Rapture on that day of escape (Rev. 19:8).

### II. THE PICTURES OF \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 34-36A)

#### A. First Picture = \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

##### 1. Their \_\_\_\_\_

- A lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_:
  - Hearts \_\_\_\_\_ down with surfeiting and drunkenness
    - Surfeiting = a \_\_\_\_\_, aftereffects of intoxication
    - Drunkenness = intoxication itself
- A lifestyle of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_:
  - Hearts weighted down with the \_\_\_\_\_ of this life
    - “The anxieties of daily life”

##### 2. Their designation

- Second person pronouns = those who at least claim to be Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ or have read this warning in His Word, in contrast to all those who dwell on the face of the earth.

##### 3. Their \_\_\_\_\_

- The day of coming judgment will overtake them unawares just as it will the rest of humanity who don’t know the truth or profess Christ.
  - “\_\_\_\_\_” = it will catch them in its trap.

- “Shall it come on all” = come \_\_\_\_\_ them like dark storm cloud bearing down from above.

### B. Second Picture = \_\_\_\_\_ Faith

- A lifestyle of \_\_\_\_\_ and praying (Luke 18:1-8)
  - Watching = to stay \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually instead of being lulled to sleep by fleshly or worldly living.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ = communicating and communing with God
    - Specifically, beseeching God for help with our needs
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ activity while we are watching

### III. THE PROMISE OF \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 36B)

- The Rapture will mean \_\_\_\_\_ for the righteous from the worldwide judgments of the Tribulation.
  - “All these things” = \_\_\_\_\_ the Tribulation
  - “Escape out of” = by \_\_\_\_\_ this earth altogether to meet the Lord in the air

### CONCLUSION

- Application: Is the desire of your heart to be delivered from the evils of this world and to stand in the presence of your Lord?
- Do you have the real, watching, praying kind of \_\_\_\_\_; or the fake (or at least “iffy”) kind?
  - If you are saved but backslidden, “be sober, and watch unto \_\_\_\_\_.” (1 Pet 4:7).
  - If you haven’t been praying much, it’s “high time” (Rom. 13:11) to obey the Lord’s command and get started.
- In this text, the Lord Jesus made it very clear that the reality and certainty of His soon return should \_\_\_\_\_ us to a lifestyle of watching and praying.
- So knowing these things, let’s “take heed to ourselves.”