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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Selected Scriptures

“Prophecy: The Right Responses”

I. 1 Thess. 5:1-10 – Be _____ – Warn Others

II. 2 Thess. 2:1-15 – Be Able to _____ – Know What’s Coming

III. 1 John 3:2f; 2 Pet. 3:10ff – Be _____

IV. Heb. 10:24f; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:11 – Be Mutually _____ & _____

V. Is. 46:9-11 – Be _____ of God’s _____

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. The following is a quote from an atheist on how he would live if he believed in Jesus. Agree or disagree? Why? What verses in the Bible support your answer?
“Did I firmly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion would mean to me everything. I would cast away earthly enjoyments as dross, earthly cares as follies, and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Religion would be my first waking thought, and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness. I should labor in its causes alone. I would take thought for the morrow of Eternity alone. I would esteem one soul gained for heaven worth a life of suffering. Earthly consequences should never stay my hand, nor seal my lips. Earth, its joys and its griefs, would occupy no moment of my thoughts. I would strive to look upon Eternity alone, and on the Immortal Souls around me, soon to be everlastingly happy or everlastingly miserable. I would go forth to the world and preach to it in season and out of season, and my text would be, ‘What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?’”
2. What does it mean to be **watchful**? Why do we need to be watchful? How does biblical prophecy help you be watchful and warn others? What might happen to us if / when we are not watchful?
3. How does studying biblical prophecy help you **stand firm**? What are the traditions Paul is talking about in 2 Thess. 2:15?
4. Look at 2 Peter 3:10ff. How should an awareness of biblical prophecy impact our **morals**? How specifically does it help when the world abandons biblical morality and our own flesh is screaming at us to go along with them?
5. Read 1 Thess. 4:13-18. When someone is going through a difficult loss (loved one; their own health; finances; etc.), how can biblical prophecy provide **support** and **encouragement**? What other passage of Scripture would you use to comfort and encourage someone who has suffered great loss?
6. Read Is. 46:9-11. What impact does it have on you when you see specific biblical prophecy fulfilled in history? What does that tell you about **God’s sovereignty** over the affairs of men? How can that help when our government appears to be taking us the wrong direction? How should it impact our tendency to be fearful and/or anxious?
7. How often do you spend extended time **meditating** on the return of Christ and how you should live in the light of that certainty? What impact might it have on your life if you did it frequently? List specific areas of your life where it would make a difference.
8. If Jesus came back today, would you be ready? Are you confident that He would accept you and take you into His kingdom? If not, come to Jesus right now. How?
 - a. Admit that you are a sinner and guilty before God. “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). “For the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).
 - b. Turn from your sin in repentance. “Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).
 - c. Believe and Publicly Confess that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave victorious over sin. “...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”
 - d. Receive God’s free gift of eternal life through Jesus. “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...” (Jn. 1:12).
 - If you do that, contact the church office at (818) 776-1500 so we can get you materials to help you grow in your relationship with the Lord.