HOW TO SURVIVE THE END OF THE WORLD

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Matthew 24:37-39 "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."

THREE STEPS TO SURVIVE THE END TIMES

1. To survive the end times, you have to PURSUE God's PRIORITIES.

In Noah's day, people were unconcerned about their souls.

Matthew 24:38 "For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage..."

1 Corinthians 7:29-32: "But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters:

The time that remains is very short. So...those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away. I want you to be free from the concerns of this life."

To survive the end times, you have to keep the MAIN THING the MAIN THING.

Genesis 6:5 "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."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider

nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!"

Colossians 3:1-2 "So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act

like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ - that's where the action is. See things from His perspective." (TMB)

2. To survive the end times, you have to POSSESS God's PERSPECTIVE.

In Noah's day, people were unaware of the judgment.

Matthew 24:39 "They knew nothing about what would happen."

2 Corinthians 4:4 "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News." Hebrews 9:27 "Everyone must die once. Then they are judged."

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 "He will do this when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven with His mighty angels, with a flaming fire, to punish those who reject God and who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from His glorious might."

Matthew 25:32 "All the nations will be gathered before Hm, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

Hebrews 9:28 "Christ will come a second time to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him."

If God is not finished

WORKING,

then we must not be finished

WAITING.

2 Peter 3:13-14 "We are looking forward to God's promise of new heavens and a new earth, where there will be only goodness. Dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen and for Him to come, try hard to live without sinning; and be at peace with everyone so that He will be pleased with you when He returns." (TLB)

3. To survive the end times, you have to PREPARE with God's PURITY.

In Noah's day, people were unprepared for the end.

Matthew 24:39 "...the flood came and took them all away."

Luke 21:36 "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-9, 11-12 "Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this 'coming' He promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.' 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. Instead He

anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming."

Are you living by DESIGN or are you living by DEFAULT?

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