

Have You Thought About It Lately?

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If you haven't thought about it, you should. I'm referring to the coming of the Lord. He told us to not let our hearts become like those of the sinners, too occupied with the things of this world to watch for him. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares," **Luke 21:34**. Remember, if we truly are his people, we are to be as pilgrims passing through this world. Instead we are often found to be as those who think that this life is all there is, working to make life good here and letting our spiritual lives go neglected.

Don't think that because we give an hour on Sunday morning that we are doing some great sacrifice for the Lord. If that is all we want to give to God then we would be like those in Malachi who gave a blind, or lame, lamb for an offering. Giving God the scraps of our service and time is not giving God our best. Cain gave an offering, but it was not accepted by the Lord for it was just an offering. God will not take just anything that a person wants to give, it has to be the best and given in faith.

Can the church be watching for the Lord's com-

ing when church attendance is falling away? Many people don't come as faithfully as their parents did in the past. Now I know that there are exceptions to this, but in general it is true from what I, and other ministers, have seen. The same holds true for the young folks. Some take it seriously but most have other interests that take preference over serving the Lord. In some cases the older people are not able to come, especially at night. Health problems and not being able to see at night make it hard for them to come. Young people in good physical health don't show up as often. Why? The Lord knows why we all do the things that we do.

Then there is the falling away in keeping the teachings of the Lord. I have often quoted the words of Jesus in Luke 6:46 in sermons, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" To make some people happy some churches and ministers have softened the word of God. I have read, and heard, some so-called "Preachers", say that the bible was wrong and dismissed what God has said. Are those who do this really looking for the coming of the Lord?

Next, look at the world and what is going on in it. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers,

incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," **2 Tim 3:1-7**.

This is not something that will happen at some future time, but is now in our day. We have witnessed this for sometime now and it get worse as time goes by. Technology doesn't bring most people closer together, or closer to God, it divides them.

Haven't you been in some restaurant, or other public place, and seen 2 or 3 people at a table on their phones? Together physically, but far apart in their minds. Even in church some -times people text others, or play games. Listening to God's word, worshipping the Lord? No, as with their family, or friends, they are there in body, but their hearts are somewhere else. Can't people give God some time and worship without thinking of this world? Isn't that why some fuss if the sermon goes a few minutes longer than usual? They can't wait to get back to the things that bring them pleasure. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:34 Jesus is coming back just as he said he would, are we watching and ready?

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ANY ONE WHO EVER ATTENDED A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, PUT ON BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS, KNOWS THAT THE WISE MEN WHO FOLLOWED THE STAR FROM THE EAST TO WORSHIP THE INFANT JESUS WERE THREE KINGS NAMED MELCHIOR, GASPER, AND BELTHAZAR, RIGHT ?WRONG!

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NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE DOES IT STATE HOW MANY THERE WERE, WHAT THEIR RANK WAS, NOR THEIR NAMES! IN MATTHEW, THE ACCOUNT MERELY SAYS THEY WERE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST (MATT. 2:1). IN LUKE, ONLY SHEPHERDS ARE MENTIONED (LUKE 2:8-15)....

...THEY WERE NOT DESCRIBED AS KINGS UNTIL THE 6TH CENTURY A.D. AND, SINCE THREE GIFTS HAD BEEN GIVEN—GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH—SOMEBODY DECIDED THE "KINGS" MUST HAVE BEEN THREE IN NUMBER! BUT NOT UNTIL THE 8TH CENTURY WERE THEY NAMED, MELCHIOR, GASPER, AND BELTHAZAR—BY WHOM, AND BY WHAT AUTHORITY, WE'LL NEVER KNOW!

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