

“Preparation is Key”

Matt. 24:42-51

Introduction

- I. Emergency preparation has become the goal of many people.
 - A. Stockpiles of food and water
 - B. Underground bunkers
 - C. Much money and time is given to meet these preparations.
- II. Spiritual preparation should be more important to all of mankind (Matt. 24:42-51; 25:1-30).
- III. Noah, and the people of his time, should serve as examples (Gen. 6-9; Rom. 15:4).

Discussion

- I. How many are truly prepared, or are actively making preparations for the real end of the world (2 Pet. 3:4-14)?
 - A. Multitudes still live in sin (1 John 2:15-17).
 - B. Men brazenly reject the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 7:13-14; Rom. 1:16).
 - C. The church of Christ is not growing in number in ways that it used to grow.
- II. Just like with Noah, man has been warned (Gen. 6:1-3, 5-8, 12-13, 17).
 - A. God has already revealed what is coming (2 Thess. 1:6-10; Matt. 24:36-41).
 - B. Just like those in Noah's time, so many will be caught off guard (Gen. 7:11-24).
- III. God gave mankind an opportunity to be saved both in Noah's time and our own.
 - A. The ark was the place of salvation during Noah's time (Gen. 8:1).
 - B. Today, salvation is found in the church of Christ (Acts 2:37-41, 47; Eph. 5:23, 25-27).
- IV. The opportunity to prepare will not last forever (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 6:2; James 4:14; Eph. 5:14-16).

Conclusion

- I. Are you prepared?
- II. If not, why are you still waiting?