

The Value of a Soul #7 No One Knows

The unpredictability of Christ's return reminds us of the value of the soul.

The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus will return one day to raise the dead, judge the world, and wind up the temporal universe (1 Thess. 4:16-17; Heb. 9:28; 2 Pte. 3:4-13). This will obviously be a crucial day for all who have ever lived on the earth. It will mark the final, irrevocable departure of every soul to its eternal destination in heaven or hell.

One factor that makes this day even more significant is its unpredictability. The Bible teaches in many passages that Jesus' return will be completely unexpected. In Matthew 24:36, Jesus said that ". . . of that day and hour no one knows . . ." In verse 42 He cautioned His disciples ". . . be on the alert for you do not know which day your Lord is coming." In verse 44 He warned that ". . . the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will." In chapter 25:13, He emphasized again, "Be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming." Paul also reminded the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 5:2 that ". . . the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night."

Because Jesus could literally come at any time, we should ensure at all times that our souls are in a right relationship with Him, and do the same for others.