

"The Second Advent" As A Thief In The Night

"But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT," 1 Thess. 5:1-2. The whole world is going at its business, as it were; the businessman is laboring to make every dollar he can. And there is very little thought given to making money honestly. Covetousness and greed are the driving forces to make all you can, and can all you make.

In the religious world, big and beautiful churches are being built regardless of the cost. And the great majority of the preachers are taken up with filling the pews, while there is very little question about the converts coming to a personal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Practically every church will take you in on a profession of faith regardless of the life you have lived, or may be living now, or regardless of what doctrine in the Word of God you deny. This present day generation in the church and out of the church feels it is: "Rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;" (Rev. 3:17).

It is to such a generation that the Second Coming of the Lord will be as a thief in the night. The world, religious and secular, is not looking for the soon return of the Lord. Now, a thief comes to rob your home unsuspectedly. The church, being filled with worldliness has no hope to offer a poor lost sinner. She has rejected the Holy Spirit, there the church is groping in total darkness and telling sinners to "make your decision now," or you hear them say: "Turn your faith loose." What a tragedy!!! The professing church is on the mudslide with no hope of the Second Coming of Christ.

But on the contrary, the



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Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is my hope and the hope of every born-again believer. Is the Second Coming of Christ your hope? If not then you are not saved. When I was under Holy Spirit conviction I was afraid the Lord would come before I got saved. But the condition in the present day professing church is so hopeless it is sickening. Let me quote the late A. W. Pink; "The god of the average pulpit today no more resembles the God of the Bible than a dim flickering taper resembles a mid-July sun!" Now Brother Pink was cutting right down the line.

It is to such a shallow empty religious professing church that the Second Coming of Christ will be as a thief in the night. Just think, the professing church will know Christ has come and gone until you find a few of your loved ones are gone. If Christ should come today, this Sunday the multitudes of churches would meet as usual with the officers and pastors in their usual places. As a thief in the night - you are asleep at

that they substituted works for the New Birth. You can laugh and call me crazy all you want to but when my Lord comes and takes His own out, there'll be no laughing then. The Second Coming of the Lord will affect every man, woman, boy and girl on the face of the earth. How will you fare? If Christ should come this moment, will you be taken? Your answer may be; "Well, I 'jined' the church back yonder as a youngster so I guess I'll be taken." No, your church membership is no evidence of salvation, so you would not be taken. Salvation is passing from death unto life. It is the work of the blessed Holy Spirit and not the work of man.

As a thief in the night - you don't know a thief has come and robbed you until you discover something missing. When the Lord comes, He is going to rob the world of His own. You want to get rid of us any way and the Lord is going to answer your prayer to get rid of all born-again believers. A soul here as of late was expressing her hatred for this writer but she couldn't tell anything I had done against her when she was pressed to give a reason for her hatred against me.

night, totally unaware that the thief is coming because you don't know there is a thief to come. So, the church does not know Christ is coming, that is why His coming will be as a thief in the night. When Christ comes the great evangelists of the world will be left behind and then they'll see that they missed the New Birth. They'll see

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