

I. Read Luke 17:22-37

- A. In verse 22, Jesus makes reference to “the day of the Son of Man.” What day is He referring to?

Why will the disciples long to see that day?

Should all believers long to see “the day of the Son of Man”?

- B. In verses 23 & 24, Jesus warns the disciples about false prophets and false teachers. What will these false prophets and teachers say?

In verse 24, Jesus illustrates the circumstances of His Second Coming with lightning flashes. What was He getting at?

- C. In verse 25, Jesus uses a word which translates into *must* in English. What was He alluding to by using the word *must*? (See Acts 4:27, 28.)

There are some well-meaning teachers who explain that the church’s failure to perform some task (evangelism) or America’s foreign policy decisions regarding Israel and the Islamic nations may actually be delaying Christ’s return. What is wrong with this kind of teaching?

- D. In verses 26-30, Jesus compares His Second Coming to what occurred in Sodom and Gomorrah. Why?
- E. In verses 31-33, Jesus emphasizes the need for spiritual readiness and implicitly warns us against something. What is it? (James 4:4; Hebrews 12:29)
- F. In verse 33, Jesus makes a paradoxical statement that reveals the secret to a fulfilled life as a Christian. What is this secret?
- G. In verses 34-36, Jesus describes the Day of Judgment, in which some will be saved and others will be lost. It is especially important to note that “close proximity to some saved person will not help in ‘the day of Christ’s coming’” (commentary from *The New Geneva Study Bible*). In the context of the passage, why is it incorrect to *read into* this verse the notion of a *secret* rapture? (verse 24)
- H. In verse 37, Jesus is using a proverb which the disciples would have been familiar with to predict the sure judgment of sinners. Why does He use the illustration of a *dead* body? (Ephesians 2:1)