

We Believe!



Four Defining Truths of the Assemblies of God



He's Coming Back!

Acts 1:11; Matt 24, 25



Acts 1

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Jesus' Focus

- Jesus gave signs of His return:
 - Wars, famines, earthquakes, persecution, lawless, cold love, Gospel
 - False teaching and "christs"
 - Signs and wonders - "blood moons"

Jesus' Focus

- Jesus focused on an important fact:
 - His coming would be **SUDDEN!**



Matthew 24

27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

42 "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. 43 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44 "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.



Matthew

24:50 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

25:13 "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Jesus' Focus

- Jesus focused on an important fact:
 - His coming would be **SUDDEN!**
 - He wanted His followers alert, watching
 - Aware of the times they lived in
 - And anticipating His return...

The Early Church

- Lived with an expectation of Him
- In the midst of their lives, persecution...
- They looked for Him!
- They prepared for His return...
- James, John, Hebrews, Peter, Paul...



Romans 13

11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

The Joy of His Return

- Wedding preparations! We want the best of it all...
 - So much is done to celebrate a "union"
 - 2 Corinthians 11:2; Colossians 1:22
 - Being ready for Jesus, be **LIKE** Him!
 - It is a call to obey and be different!

What will you do?

- Pray... knowing God's heart is crucial!
- Share the Good News – family, friends
- Change our lifestyle... 1 John 3:1-3

