

## Matt. 24:36-44

- I. No one knows the exact day/timing of the Parousia except the Father (36-41)
  - A. No one knows the day or hour concerning these things except the Father (36)
    - 1. No one knows the day of the hour concerning these things (36a-c)
      - a Generally: No one knows the day or the hour (36a)
      - b Specifically: (36b-c)
        - 1) The angels of heaven do not know (36b)
        - 2) Neither does even the Son (36c)
    - 2. Except the Father alone knows (36d)
  - B. Reason: The Parousia will come unexpectedly (37-41)
    - 1. The Parousia will be unexpected, like the flood in Noah's day (37-39)
      - a The Parousia will be like in Noah's day (37)
        - 1) Just like the days of Noah (37a)
        - 2) The Parousia of the Son of Man will be similar to this (37b)
      - b An elaboration of how the Parousia will be like Noah's day (38-39)
        - 1) Just like the people were in Noah's day (38-39c)
          - a They were living this way (38)
            - (1) Generally: They were this way in these days before the flood (38a)
            - (2) Specifically: (38b-f)
              - (a) What they were doing (38b-e)
                - (i) Eating and Drinking (38b-c)
                - (ii) Marrying and being given in Marriage (38d-e)
              - (b) When: until the day Noah entered the Ark (38f)
            - b) They did not know/suspect what was about to happen (39a-c)
              - (1) They did not know (39a)
              - (2) Time: Until too late (39b-c)
                - (a) Until the Cataclysm came
                - (b) And Swept away all things
          - 2) The Parousia of the Son of Man will be similar to this (39d)
      - 2. The Result some will be caught unaware (40-41)
        - a First illustration: 2 men in the field (40)
          - 1) Two men will be in the field (40a)
          - 2) The Result (40b-c)
            - a) One will be taken (40b)
            - b) One will be left (40c)
              - Ambiguous – is being taken good or bad compared to being left?
              - In context [v. 39] it seems that being taken is bad, as opposed to popular eschatology
        - b Second illustration : 2 women grinding (41)
          - 1) Two women will be grinding at a mill (41a)
          - 2) The Result (41b-c)
            - a) One will be taken (41b)
            - b) One will be left (41c)

## II. Therefore: Be watchful and prepared (42-44)

### A. Be watchful/Alert (42-43)

1. Command: Be watchful/Alert (42a)
2. Reason: You don't know in which day our Lord is coming (42b-43b)
  - a Negatively: You don't know in which day our Lord is coming (42b)
  - b Positively: But you do know that knowledge should result in action (43)
    - 1) You know this: (43a)
    - 2) What you know: (43b-d)
      - a) If the householder knew in which hour the thief was coming (43b)
      - b) The result of his knowledge (43c-d)
        - (1) He would be watchful/alert (43c)
        - (2) He would not allow his house to be broken into (43d)

### B. Be prepared (44)

1. Because of this [the unknownness of the Parousia timing], be prepared (44a)
2. Reason: because the Son of Man will come in an hour which you do not think/consider as probable (44b)