



THE LAWS OF THE LAND

"The Believer's Spiritual Duty"

Part 2 - "The Lord's Coming is Near"

Romans 13:10-12

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REVIEW:

1. Last week's message was "The Believer's Spiritual Duty." It was subtitled, "What God says about Love."
2. Love is a continuing debt, a command of God, and is the completion of the law.
3. One of the Believer's spiritual duties is to "Love (one's) neighbor as themselves."
4. We must stop judging and start loving those around us.

LAST WEEK: Continue to Love

Continue to Look!

1. Time is Running Out.

Romans 13:11, HCSB - ¹¹ Besides this, [besides loving your neighbor as oneself] knowing the time, [lit., the 'season'] it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep... ¹² The night [metaphor for 'evil' or darkness] is nearly over, and the daylight [metaphor for 'good', our Rescuer] is near...

2. The Time of Salvation is Near.

Romans 13:11-12, HCSB - ¹¹ Besides this, knowing the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² ...so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Why all this stress on behavior? Because, as I think you have realized the present time is of the highest importance—it is time to wake up to reality. Every day brings God's salvation nearer than the day in which we took the first step of faith. The night is nearly over, the day has almost dawned. Let us therefore fling away the things that men do in the dark, let us arm ourselves for the fight of the day!... - Romans 13:10-11a, PME

"Four Statements about the Second Coming of Christ."

1. The Certainty of His Coming.

- John 14:3 – "...I will come again..."
- Acts 1:10-11 – "...He will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven..."
- 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 – "The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven..."

2. The Manner of His Coming.

- It will be a personal, visible coming. (Acts 1:11)
- It will be a sudden return. (2 Peter 3:10)
- It will be a triumphant return. (Titus 2:13)
- It will be a sovereign return. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

3. The Time of His Coming.

- Matthew 24:36 – "...of that day and hour no one knows..."
- Acts 1:6-7 – "It is not for you to know the time..."

4. Our Attitude toward His Coming.

- Ready – Mathew 24:22, "...you be ready..."
- Working – Luke 19:13, "...[do the work] until I come."
- Holy – Titus 2:11-13, "live...righteously and godly..."
- Sharing the Good News – 2 Pet. 3:9, "[God doesn't] wish for any to perish."

But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." - Luke 21:28, NASB95

Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. - John 5:25, NASB



We need to realize that the Lord's Coming is near!