



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: II Thessalonians 2:1-4 (NAS)

Addressing Questions Concerning Jesus' Return"

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- 1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
- 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

*Pastor:* The grass withers, the flower fades,

*Congregation:* But the Word of our God stands forever

### **I. ESCHATOLOGY IN THESSALONIANS**

- A. What About Believers Who Died? *I Thessalonians 4:13-18*
- B. Jesus Will Return As A Thief In The Night *I Thessalonians 5:1-5*
- C. God Will Deal With Persecutors Of His People *II Thessalonians 1:9, 10*
- D. Warns Of False Teachings Of Jesus's Return *II Thessalonians 2:1-4*

### **II. FALSE TEACHING REFUTED**

- A. They Come From Various Sources vs. 2
- B. Knowing God's Word Protects

### **III. IMMINENCE OF JESUS' RETURN**

- A. Fear Of Being Left Behind
- B. Mistaken Interpretations *Luke 9:27*
  1. His Kingdom is His Church

2. It is being revealed

C. Scripture Says To Anticipate His Return *Revelation 16:20; 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20*

D. This Is The Next Great Event Is God's Time Table *John 14:3*

1. Gathered together with Him

2. Zeal for His coming *Revelation 22:20*

### **IV. ALL WILL KNOW WHEN JESUS COMES**

A. Those Under Judgment *II Thessalonians 1:8*

B. Believers *John 6:37-40, 47*

C. The Time Cannot Be Predicted *Matthew 25:13, 24:3-5; 24:23-24, 27*

### **V. THINGS WHICH PRECEDE HIS COMING**

A. The Nature Of The Signs *Matthew 16:1-3*

B. Some Signs Misinterpreted *Matthew 24:6*

C. Three Views: Preterism, Historicism, Futurism

### **OUR RESPONSE:**

1. We Are Not To Fear *Philippians 4:6, 7*

2. We Should Look Forward To Christ's Return *Revelation 22:21*

3. His Return Should Stir In Us A Present Diligence *I Corinthians 15:58*