

SERMON OUTLINE NOVEMBER 22, 2015

“God’s Alarm Clock”

Mark 13:32-37

INTRODUCTION: *Did you know God has an alarm clock?*

I. JESUS WILL RETURN AT THE END OF THE WORLD

- A. No one knows when (v.32)
- B. Scripture doesn’t tell us when (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)
- C. So what are we to do in the meantime? (v.33)
- D. *Sir Ernest Shackleton’s men at the South Pole*
- E. We are remaining faithful & alert.

II. WE ARE TO BE WATCHING AND READY

- A. Are your “bags packed” for your death . . . for judgement day . . . why are so many of us unprepared?
- B. This day can come when we least expect it
- C. Doorkeepers are ready at “evening, midnight, cock crow, dawn” (v.35)

III. SO MANY TODAY HAVE “NODDED OFF” & ARE UNPREPARED

- A. Today’s text likens them to doorkeepers “catching ‘40winks’ ” (v.36-37)
- B. Why do so many around us “nod off?”
- C. Remember 79 A.D. Pompeii & Mt Vesuvius . . .



IV. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE READY FOR JESUS’ RETURN

- A. Today’s second lesson from Jude tells us!
- B. Be built up in the holy faith (v.20)
- C. Keep ourselves in God’s love (v.21)
- D. Showing mercy to the weak (v.22)
- E. Snatching others from the fire (v.23)
- F. Hating sin & ungodliness (v.23)
- G. Upheld by Jesus (v.24)
- H. NOTE: The three wonderful things Jesus does for you now & at the day of judgement (v.24-25)
 - 1. He keeps us from falling
 - 2. He will bring you into His glorious presence
 - 3. You will be without fault & have great joy.

CONCLUSION: *Hooray for alarm clocks!*