

Sunday May 5th 2013
One Taken, One Left
Part One
Study Questions

1). Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 – How do these verses relate to our own experience?

a). What is the central focus of these verses?

b). What is the Corinthians' soul salvation conditional upon and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

2). What is the focal point for God's dealings with Jews, Christians and Gentiles?

a). What timeframe has God set in place for dealing with each of these 3 groups?

b). What then should we expect for ourselves from God's dealings with the Church during this present dispensation and which scripture did we look at for this?

c). Why does God deal with the same Christians as both sons and a bride?

d). What is the twofold purpose of the rapture?

e). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with the second part of this purpose?

f). Given the fact that we cannot avoid the Judgment Seat of Christ, what choices do we have to make in our everyday life and what instruction do the scriptures give us with regards to this?

3). Read Matthew 24:37-39 – Who would be the primary focus of the things written in these verses?

a). Why would there be an overlap with respect to Christians in these verses? And what would we see in these verses that would apply to us?

b). What can we know about Noah from 2 Peter?

c). What would this mean for those of Noah's day and what is the implied truth for ourselves in this?

d). Within a Christian context, who would Noah be representative of?

e). Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

f). What happened to those of Noah's day who ignored his preaching of righteousness and what would be the implication in this for us?

4). Read Matthew 24:40-41 – Who are pictured in these verses? What is significant about the way they are presented? And what happens to them?

- a). What misinterpretation is often applied to these verses?
- b). Why can this not be the case and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- c). How should we understand the word translated 'taken'?
- d). How should we understand the word translated 'left'?
- e). What context is given to these verses by the verses that immediately precede them?
- f). What would all of this mean then for our understanding of these verses?
- g). Thinking about the way the scriptures we have already seen tell us we are to live, who would the individuals in Matthew 24:40-41 represent?

5). 42 *"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

- a). What does the word 'watch' literally mean?
- b). What are we to watch for and why?

6). Read Luke 21:34-36 – What would be a correct understanding of the words translated ‘counted worthy’

a). How should we also understand the word ‘escape’?

b). What is it that we are to escape out of?

c). So what is it that we are to watch and pray for?

d). What would the original verb tense for ‘watch and pray’ teach us?

e). What would the verb tense for the words ‘escape out of’ teach us?

f). Putting the answers to these last 2 questions together, what do we learn from this?

g). Read Revelation 3:8-10 – what connection can we make between these verses and those we have just been looking at?

h). Read Revelation 3:21 – in the light of what we have just been looking at do you have any thoughts on what it means to be an overcomer?

7). Read Matthew 24:43-44 – The idea of a house being broken into really does not convey the right idea here – how should we better understand this?

a). Why do you think the analogy of a thief is used here, as it is in other places also?

b). What commentary do these verses give us on the 2 in the field and the 2 at the mill?

c). Why does the Lord use the phrase 'the master of the house' in these verses?

d). Which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

e). How does this connect to the beginning of Hebrews Chapter 2?

f). Do you have any final thoughts for today?