

“Watching, Readiness, and the Times of the Signs” 6/10/18
Matthew 24:36-51

Sermon Series- “*Study of Prophetic Sign Posts*”

LESSON 1- To be called a faithful Christian we must be WATCHFUL

- A. Being watchful warns us that we don’t know the EXACT TIME
- B. The days preceding His return are like the days of NOAH Luke 17:26-30
 1. Increased immorality/violence/strife (2 Tim 3:1-5; Rev 9:20-21)
 2. Apostasy (leaving the truth faith) 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Timothy 4:1-3
 3. Signs of wars (world), ethnic strife, famines, and earthquakes mark the beginning of the end of the age as birth pains (Matt 24:4-6; Luke 21).
 4. We have the signs of technology (Dan 12:1-4, Rev. 13:18; 11:9)
 5. Increased travel at the end (Daniel 12:4)
 6. The sign of the nation Israel’s existence (Ezek 37; Jer 30:7; Rev 12)
 7. A temple in Jerusalem is ready to be rebuilt (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15)
 8. The sign of increased world governance (Daniel 2 & 7)
 9. Jerusalem as a city causing worldwide tension (Zech 12:3)
 10. Gospel preached around the world (Matt 24:14)
 11. Future of Transhumanism (Gen 6:1-4; Jude 6-8; 2 Pet 2:4-6)
- C. Being faithful means we need to be different than UNBELIEVERS
(Believers *know* in advance, unbelievers don’t *understand*, vv. 33, 38)

LESSON 2- To be called a faithful Christian we must be READY (Luke 19:13)

- A. Faithfulness and readiness require us to be doing God’s WORK
- B. If faithful, we will be given the honor of ruling in Jesus’ KINGDOM
- C. Those who aren’t genuine will be PUNISHED (**Matt 7:21-23**; Titus 1:16)

Going

Deeper Being watchful and ready: 1) praying; 2) studying; 3) evangelizing; 4) teaching our kids; 5) focused on God’s kingdom, not Ours; 6) using our time, talents, treasure; 7) multiplying the word of God (Acts 12:24); 8) Be obedient, pure and holy (1 John 3:3).

“Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:8)

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples

Transhumanism is a way of thinking about the future that is based on the premise that the human species in its current form does not represent the end of our development but rather a comparatively early phase.

Transhumanism is a loosely defined movement that has developed gradually over the past two decades.

Transhumanism is a class of philosophies of life that seek the continuation and acceleration of the evolution of intelligent life beyond its currently human form and human limitations by means of science and technology, guided by life-promoting principles and values. These technologies include but are not limited to: chemical, genetic, neurological, physical, electronic, life extension, cryogenics.

Transhumanists hope to merge themselves—both brains and bodies—with super smart machines to both survive indefinitely and to thrive in the future world. In fact, if people don't merge with computers, humans may soon become an unintelligent species compared to the machine intelligence that will exist. But humans will directly merge with technology; already, hundred-million-dollar companies in California are working on neural prosthetics designed to connect our thoughts to computers. Various universities are working on robotic eyes to give us Superman vision that will also stream Netflix directly, and social media into our optic nerve. Others, like myself, already have implants that can start cars, open doors and pay for things. Some biohackers even want to cut off their limbs and replace them with robotic ones—synthetic body parts which in a decade's time may be better than our own biology. I believe the future is already set. Many humans will electively put significant tech in their bodies that make them more productive while also increasing their survivability.

Transhumanists' ultimate goal is to live forever without the need for God. Eternal life without religious restraints is their dream utopia. They are believing the lie that Satan first proposed in the garden, "You shall not surely die... you will be like God" (Genesis 3:4-5). The temptation will be to give up their humanity for immortality. The mark of the beast will offer them a dangerous double cross. Those who take the mark will forever be condemned (Rev 14:9-11).