

“Take Heed, Watch & Pray Pt. 2”
Mark 13:14-23
11/3/24
Message 34

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Take Heed, Watch & Pray Pt. 2”
- **The Churches Mission – Make Disciples (Matthew 28:18–20)**
 - **1st Now a Big Part of making Disciples is...**
 - To Encourage
 - To Equip
 - To Exhort / (Warn)
 - **2nd Sadly A Lot Of The Modern Church has chosen to ONLY FOCUS on Encourage**
 - They have left behind
 - To Equip
 - To Exhort / (Warn)
 - As we have stated many time
 - Another issue the Modern Church is Failing in - PROPHECY
 - They fail to Equip & Warn in Prophecy
 - Why?!
 - Many see the subject as
 - Divisive

- Illustration
 - I know of a church in the valley the refuses to take a stand on eschatology – they see it as divisive – so many opinions it's not worth it
- Doom & Gloom
 - Negative
 - Illustration
 - Another well-known pastor Said
 - This young generation does not want to hear about prophecy – they just started to live their lives and were talking about the end – it so depressing
- Or we can't figure it out, so why bother
 - Some see it Literal some see it Allegory
- Still others have grown WEARY
 - Waiting for the Lord to come
 - They have been saying that for over 2000 years and YET He has not come...
 - Peter has something to say about that...
- **That is WHY It's Critical in making disciples that we**

- Encourage
- Equip
- Exhort / (Warn)
- AND YES TEACH PROPHECY
 - We want ALL Christians Prepared for **WHAT IS / WILL take place**
 - The very FIRST thing Jesus teaches us about Prophecy

Mark 13:5 (NKJV)

5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: *“Take heed that no one deceives you.”*

- So We have to
 - Study Prophecy
 - Do our best to understand
 - *MacDonald; “The watchwords of the discourse, which apply to believers in every dispensation, are*
 - *Take Heed (vs. 5, 23, 33)*
 - *Do not be troubled (v. 7)*
 - *Endure (v. 13)*
 - *Pray (vs. 18, 33)*
 - *Watch (vs. 9, 33, 35, 37)”*
 - Share Pastoral Concern

- A Growing lack of hunger for God, His Word and His People (Fellowship)
- Illustration
 - Judy and I Got saved
 - Sunday AM, Sunday PM & Mid-Week – ALL PRETTY FULL
 - Over the years – First Sunday Went, Now Mid-Week is going
 - I was told the other day Calvary CP is the only church that has a mid-week service – quick research yielded only one other church going up toward Placerville – Only us and CC Placerville have Mid-week studies
 - Why is this a concern – The Christian culture has a lack of Hunger for God, His Word, & Fellowship
 - The first warning from Jesus Make sure you're NOT DECEIVED
- **1st Now a Big Part of making Disciples is...**
 - **A FEW things to Remember**
 - 1st - 2 GREAT Mistakes take place in the study of Prophecy
 - 1st That Everything that happens in the news is somehow prophetic
 - 2nd Ignoring things that take place in our world
 - 2nd I will teach this from a Pre-Trib view
 - There are many other good Christians that will see this passage differently (We Respect that)

- But I believe in a Pre-Tib View
 - That the Rapture takes place before the great tribulation
 - Briefly Explain the Order
 - Birth Pains – (Pre-Trouble)
 - Rapture
 - Rise of the Anti-christ
 - 7 Years Tribulation
 - Millennial Kingdom
- Now Just because we are Pre-Trib
 - Does not mean we aren't Pre -Trouble
 - We see things happening in our world that show us we are moving towards the end

Matthew 24:8 (NKJV)

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:8 (ESV)

8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

- Like Birth Pain the closer a mom gets to giving birth the greater the pain
- We will have Problems and Struggles in this life and they will increase before Jesus returns
- This world will NOT get better – but Worse

• Review - Mark 13 –

- **A portion of Scripture known as the OLIVET DISCOURSE**
 - Also found in Matthew 24 & Luke 21

- **Last Week**

- **The Situation vs. 1-4**

- The Situation that promoted the disciple's question
- Just finished answering all the questions – Gave a Illustration / Compassion of the scribes and Widow
- The Disciples are impressed with the Temple
- Jesus says Not one stone will be left upon another
- Which took place in AD 70 with Rome destroying the Temple
- **Show Pic** – A promise that everything else will come to pass

- **The Signs vs. 5-23**

- We Broke the Signs up into 2 Sections

- **1st Pre-Trouble vs. 3-13**

- Take heed that no one deceives you v. 5-6
- Wars and rumors of wars: v. 7-8
- Earthquakes in various places... Famines v. 8
- Persecution
 - For they will deliver you up to councils v. 9
 - The gospel must first be preached to all the nations v. 10

- When they arrest you and deliver you up... v. 11
- Brother will betray brother to death v. 12-13a
- He who endures to the end shall be saved v. 13b
- **2nd The Tribulation Period vs. 14-23**
 - We did not get to this last week
 - PLEASE note
 - The tone changes – it moves to a Jewish Tone
 - The church is gone –
 - The Tribulation Period is know as a time of Jacob’s Trouble

Jeremiah 30:7 (NKJV)

7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

- In which God’ finishes His Everlasting Covenant with Israel
- This is what we will see this morning

The Signs vs. 5-23

The Tribulation Period vs. 14-23

- **First: Spoken Of In Daniel v. 14b**

Mark 13:14 (NKJV)

14 *“So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

○ **1st Context – Spoken Of By The Prophet – Turn to Daniel 9:24-27**

- **1st 70 Weeks are determined for Your People & for Your Holy City v. 24a**

Daniel 9:24 (NKJV)

24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

- 1st Notice Who is this addressed to
 - Jews / Israel (Your People)
 - Jerusalem (Your Holy City)
- 2nd Note that 70 weeks are DETERMINED
 - 1st What is a WEEK?
 - Now a week can be...
 - 7 Days
 - Or a period of 7 years
 - Known as "Heptad" a group up of seven
 - Remember...
 - Genesis 29:27
 - Laban to Jacob / Leah, Rachel / fulfill her "Week" it was 7 years
 - **Here - Daniel a week refers to a 7 year.**

- So We have

- 70 Weeks = 70 - 7 year periods

- Or a total of 490 years are determined for Israel

- 2nd To Finish v. 24b

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- Fulfillment at the Cross – Ultimate Fulfillment in the end

- 3rd This is not to be a MYSTERY v. 25

Daniel 9:25 (NKJV)

25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

- Know therefore & understand / not to be a MYSTERY
 - God has given us Prophecies so that we would know!
 - So what are we to know & UNDERSTAND
- From the going forth of the command to go & restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah comes....
 - Shall be - 7 weeks and 62 weeks = 69 Weeks
 - The Messiah would arrive at that time
 - They should have never missed it.

- The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.
 - We know the date of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem
 - King Artaxerxes gave the decree on March 14, 445 BC (Neh. 2)
 - British scholar, Sir Robert Anderson,
 - Did the MATH
 - He showed that Jesus' triumphal entry was fulfilled on April 6th 32AD / Palm Sunday
- **4th Shall Messiah Be Cut Off v. 26a**

Daniel 9:26 (NKJV)

26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

- The Messiah would present Himself to the nation = Palm Sunday
 - He would be CUT OFF = Crucified
- Recap
 - Jesus presented Himself on Palm Sunday
 - Was put to death on Thursday
 - He didn't die because He deserved it
 - He didn't die for himself.
 - He Died for us / all

- Some 600 Six years before He came
 - Daniel prophesied that the Messiah would die for us.
 - His death wasn't a horrible accident, it was an event planned carefully by God.
- There is a lapse of time from the 69th to the 70th.
 - There is still ONE more Week left in Daniel's Prophecy
 - 69 weeks fulfilled – The 70th week remains
 - So where are we at in HISTORY
 - The TIMES of the Gentiles
 - Mystery: Church Age (Eph. 3)
 - Known as the AGE of GRACE when many are coming to faith in Christ!
 - More on this in a minute
- **5th And The People Of The Prince v. 26b**

Daniel 9:26 (NKJV)

26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

- The “Prince that Shall Come”
 - This is a Reference to the Antichrist.
- The People the Antichrist Comes From -

- Would be the ones who would destroy Jerusalem and the Temple after the death of the Messiah.
- ROME
- Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed
 - In the summer of 70 A.D. by the Roman army.
 - We believe the antichrist will be part of a revived Roman Empire.
- The “desolation” mentioned here is
 - The complete destruction of Jerusalem.
 - Jerusalem would become a “desolate” place.
 - This happened in 70 AD under Rome
 - For this reason many believe the Anti-christ will come from a revived “Rome” Empire

▪ **6th He Shall Confirm v. 27**

Daniel 9:27 (NKJV)

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

- The “he” here is this “prince that shall come”
 - The Antichrist.
- The antichrist will make some sort of “covenant” or “treaty”
 - With the nation of Israel, lasting seven years (one week).

- For One Week
 - The Last 7 Year Period
 - The 70th Week
 - This period of 7 Years
 - Is what we refer to as the “Tribulation” period.
- Halfway through the Tribulation
 - (3 ½ years, in the “midst” of the week)
 - The antichrist will cause all sacrifice to cease in the Temple in Jerusalem.
 - The antichrist will go into the Temple in Jerusalem and declare that he is God.
- This action will be a key event of the Tribulation period.
 - Events in Revelation 6-19 reference to this time

• **Second: The Abomination of Desolation v. 14a&c**

- **1st History (Past) v. 14a&c**

Mark 13:14 (NKJV)

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- **Remember – Prophets many times had Near and Far fulfilments**
- **Daniel 11 - Antiochus Epiphanes**
 - Antiochus a Greek Hellenistic King

- Who ruled the Seleucid Empire from 175 BC until his death in 164 BC.
- He imposed Greek culture in Israel
 - A statue of the Greek god Zeus erected in the Temple
 - Held Greek athletic contests (in which the athletes competed while naked) in full view of the Temple.
- He required idolatrous worship
 - Placed guards around the Temple to prevent worship.
 - On a particular Sabbath he ordered that women and children be slaughtered.
 - A swine
 - A ceremonially unclean animal was sacrificed on the Temple altar
 - Blood was spread on the walls and the priests were forced to eat pork from the sacrifice.
 - All those abominations were intended to desecrate the Jewish Temple.
- In 165BC –
 - Judas Maccabeus led a revolt in Jerusalem
 - Recaptured the Temple
 - The temple was Cleansed and Rededicated

- They went to relight the Menorah, the “7” branch candlestick
- There was oil enough only for one day but they lit it
- But it took seven days to go through the process of preparing the oil.
- Through this whole seven-day period that it took to prepare the oil
- The oil continued to burn in the lampstand until they had the new oil prepared to pour into it.
- They had developed a Feast of Lights
 - Which was also called the Feast of Dedication, and it is today called Hanukkah.
 - John 10
 - Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication, which it says it was winter time, because the Feast of Dedication took place on the 25th of December, which interestingly enough coincides with our Christmas season.

- **Rome 70 AD**

- As we talked about last week
 - The Brutal battle started in 66AD
 - Rome surrounded Jerusalem

- So much bad happen before the final attack in 70AD it is hard to talk about
- Horrific what took place
 - It was SO BAD we can't talk about in a family setting
 - During that siege things got very barbaric in the city
 - They became so hungry they ate the babies and placenta

▪ **NOW - In Lukes Gospel – Jesus said**

Luke 21:24 (NKJV)

24 *And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

• **Israel Destruction v. 24a**

- They Will Fall
- Led Captive
- This HAS ALL been Fulfilled

• **2nd Times of the Gentiles v. 24b**

- *Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*
- What is the TIMES of the Gentiles?
 - This is the time **between**
 - The **Destruction of Jerusalem until the days of the Second Coming**

- The destruction of Jerusalem
 - Would usher in a period of time on earth known as the “times of the Gentiles”
 - That Jerusalem will be under Gentile control until these times are “fulfilled”

- **3rd History of – The Time Of the Gentiles**

- This verse accurately predicted the history of Israel for the past 2000 years!
- 1st Roman rule continued until 324AD
- 2nd Byzantine Empire controlled Jerusalem until 614
- 3rd The Persians governed briefly until 629
- 4th In 638 Muslim Arabs conquered the Holy City 691
 - (The Ummayyads, ruling from Damascus, built the Dome of the Rock mosque on what was believed to be the site of the Jewish Temple, completing it in 691)
- 5th The Abbasid Arabs took over in 750
 - (Their capital was Baghdad)
- 6th The Egyptians imposed their rule in 878.
- 7th The Crusaders, thinking they were acting in the name of Jesus 1096
 - Came to the Holy Land in **1096** “to reclaim it from the infidels.”

- (In 1099 they not only defeated the Muslims but massacred all the Jews they could find.)
- PLEASE NOTE
 - The Crusaders were Predominantly Catholic
- The Kurdish Ayyubid leader Saladin 1187
- Battles between Crusaders and Muslim Arabs continued until **1244**
- With dominion being established by the Egyptian Mamluks in **1250**.
- Ottoman Turks held sway in the Holy Land for 400 years 1517
- They were defeated by Britain's General Allenby in World War I.
 - (The British Mandate given by the League of Nations lasted until 1948, when, in the wake of the Nazi Holocaust, the world's conscience was momentarily pricked enough to permit the State of Israel to be established by a just over 2/3 vote of the United Nations General Assembly)
 - The U. N. plan of 1947 Jerusalem was to have been an internationalized city, but when 5 Arab countries attacked Israel within hours of her independence she fought back and conquered the western, more modern part of Jerusalem.
 - (Nevertheless the Old City of Jerusalem, the portion the present verse speaks about, which includes the Temple site, was occupied by Jordan until the 6-Day War)

- On June 8, 1967, the Israeli army entered the Old City and converged on the Western/Wailing Wall, liberating Jerusalem at last.
 - Then the gov. of Israel granted management of the Temple site to a Muslim Council.
 - Today the Muslim Council still controls the Temple Mount.
- As far as God is concerned
 - The most important piece of real estate in Jerusalem - and prophetically speaking, the most important in the world - is still trampled by Gentiles
 - So I believe that this time continues until Jesus returns
- **2nd The Future Abomination of Desolation (Antichrist claiming to be “god”)**
 - **Revelation 13**
 - 1st Satan Will Raise up 2 World Leaders
 - One Political
 - One Religious
 - Both are called “BEASTS”
 - One “Rising up out of the Sea” = ANTICHRIST (Rev. 13:1)
 - One “Coming up out of the Earth” = FALSE PROPHET (Rev. 13:11)

- 2nd These 2 Characters Reveals what Satan is all about... COUNTERFEIT
 - Satan is a master at Counterfeit = NO Originality
 - 1st Counterfeit of the Trinity
 - We worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - The Father sent His Son.
 - The Son died and rose from the dead.
 - The Holy Spirit comes to glorify the Son.
 - The Satanic trinity is the devil, the antichrist, and the false prophet.
 - The devil empowers the antichrist with his power.
 - The antichrist has a “deadly” wound and is healed.
 - The false prophet glorifies the beast.
 - 2nd The Gospel
 - WE HAVE the REAL Gospel
 - Admit your sinner
 - Repent & believe
 - You turn from your sin...and turn to Christ
 - Satan has a counterfeit gospel
 - An easy “BELIEVISM”

- That says you can believe in Whatever of Whoever you want
 - So long as you are SINCERE
 - Live however you want to live & you will eventually end up in heaven
- “All Roads lead to God”
- “Believe in Something”
- Sadly this lie is working
 - Most people believe that they will go to heaven...68% of Americans
- **Consider the Personality of this leader**
 - **1st Who is HE?**
 - **All Around GREAT guy**
 - Daniel 7:20 Better looking than his fellows - Handsome guy
 - He is going to have some great ideas
 - Been said that this man is going to have...
 - The Charisma of a JFK
 - Oratorical skills of a Winston Churchill
 - Determination of a Joseph Stalin
 - The Vision of a Carl Marx

- The respectability of a Gandhi
- The Military Prowess of a Douglas MacArthur
- The Looks and Charm of a Brad Pitt or George Clooney
- In other words he is going to have the whole package

- **2nd Mortally Wounded - Miraculous Recovery**

Revelation 13:3 (NKJV)

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

- Attempt on his life!
- Mortally wounded
- Comes Back...

- **3rd Speak great things**

Revelation 13:5 (NKJV)

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

- End up on the talk show circuit
 - Larry King will come back
 - He'll be with Oprah, 20/20, Etc...
- Pack stadiums
 - Young and Old - enamored - All nationalities will be drawn to him
 - He will be a master - Mesmerizing

- He is going to be a Charismatic leader - very respected

- **4th Son Of Perdition**

- Now Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 refers to him as the son of Perdition

- There is only one other person in the Bible given that title

- John 17 during his High Priestly prayer - Judas

- Perdition means destruction –

- That was Judas fate and that will be the fate of the Anti- Christ

- **Here is a quick summary of 10 THINGS the Bible says the Anti-Christ will do.**

- He is going to make a covenant with Israel.
- He will usher in a global economic system.
 - He will create a cashless society.
- He will create a universal religious system.
- He will institute a global military force.
 - All nations united under one banner.
- He will most likely help Israel rebuilt their temple.
- At the three and half year mark –
 - He will blaspheme God in that temple.

- He will persecute the people of Israel.
- He will persecute those who come to faith in Christ during the tribulation time.
- He will be possessed by Satan himself.
- He will seek to lead an army of followers against God
- **The world is READY for such an individual to come on the scene**

▪ **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

2 Thessalonians 2:1–12 (NKJV)

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,
2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.
3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?
6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.
8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,
10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,
12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

▪ **At the Half way point of the 7 year –**

- so at 3.5 Years he will stand the Temple and declare he is god

Daniel 12:11 (NKJV)

11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

- There shall be 1,290 days (until the end)
- When this sign is set up, the end can be determined – almost three and one-half years to go before the triumphant return of Jesus to this earth.

• **Third: Jesus warns of what to do v. 14d**

- **1st Let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains v. 14b**

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14 “So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), **“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”**

- Application – RUN
 - Don’t look back
 - Get OUT of Dodge
 - Some Believe they will Flee to Petra
 - Sighting (Is. 16:1-4)

Isaiah 16:1–4 (NKJV)

1 Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, From Sela to the wilderness, To the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown out of the nest; So shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the Arnon.

- 3 *"Take counsel, execute judgment; Make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do not betray him who escapes.*
- 4 *Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; Be a shelter to them from the face of the spoiler. For the extortioner is at an end, Devastation ceases, The oppressors are consumed out of the land.*

- Some think that one of the places in the "mountains" where the Jews in the Tribulation will flee to is the ancient city of Petra.

• **Fourth: Let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes vs. 15-18**

- **Let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes vs. 15-18**

Mark 13:15–18 (NKJV)

- 15 *Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.*
- 16 *And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.*
- 17 *But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!*
- 18 *And pray that your flight may not be in winter.*

▪ **This shows the urgency of the Warning.**

- This happen in 70 AD
 - The Christians living there at the time got out of dodge
- Now in a GREATER way when the Antichrist – declares himself god
 - Get away from Jerusalem

• **Fifth: Coming after the abomination of desolation: great tribulation vs. 19-23**

- **1st Tribulation, such as has not been v. 19**

Mark 13:19 (NKJV)

19 *For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.*

- Revelation 6-19 - Talk about this time
- **2nd Unless the Lord had shortened those days v. 20**

Mark 13:20 (NKJV)

20 *And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.*

- **The Elect's sake, the days will be limited**
 - Speaking of both Gentiles and Jews
 - Here a reference to Jews
- **The days will be limited**
 - Otherwise, no flesh will survive
- **3rd Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" vs. 21-22**

Mark 13:21–22 (NKJV)

21 *"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it.*

22 *For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

- No one should be deceived about the nature of Jesus' coming
 - It will not be secret or private, and it won't be a "different" Jesus.
- **4th But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand: v. 23**

Mark 13:23 (NKJV)

23 *But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.*

- Jesus says – TAKE HEED
- ***Why is He telling us this all before HAND?***

Closing

- Take Heed – Watch – Pray

Mark 13:33 (NKJV)

33 *Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.*

○ **Show Pic – Current Temple Mt.**

○ **Prophecy SHOULD Have**

- **A Purifying Effect in our lives**
- **Give us a Sense of Urgency**
- **Makes us bold in speaking to the lost**
- **It helps us keep a light touch on the things of this world**
- **Make sure we're NOT ASLEEP in the LIGHT**

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, *“Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*

25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, *“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.