

"The Sounds Of His Coming"

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

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INTRODUCTION:

[Read text] - Spend a minute in explanation

I believe God would have me to ask 1 question of you today - "Are you ready?"

When Jesus comes again there will be some distinctive sounds. What will be the "Sounds of His Coming?"

I. THE SOUNDS OF EARTH (Luke 17:34-36)

1. Crying
 - a. For a missing spouse
 - b. For a missing child
 - c. For a missing parent
2. Hysteria
 - a. Out of total confusion
 - b. At empty graveyards
 - c. At empty hospital and nursing home beds
 - d. At empty classrooms at schools
 - e. As planes drop into the sea - unmanned factories explode - automobiles pile up on the freeways
 - f. Suspicious governments about to "push the button"
3. Lies
 - a. Denying the coming of Christ - explaining it away as:
 - i. Government(s) plot
 - ii. Alien invasion (it's amazing the number of people who believe in such things world over!)

II. THE SOUNDS OF HEAVEN

1. Judgment

- a. (2 Timothy 4:1)
 - b. (Romans 14:10-12)
2. Reward / Blessing
 - a. (Matthew 25:20-23)
 - b. (Revelation 22:12)
 - Aren't you glad that "judgment" is not just condemnation for the wrong - but also blessing for that which is right!
 3. Worship
 - a. (Revelation 19:1-7)

III. THE SOUNDS OF HELL (Luke 16:22-31)

1. Cry for mercy (v24)
2. Sound of wailing as the tormented "remember" (v25)
3. Pleas for an evangelist (v27-31)

CONCLUSION:

The last word we have from the Lord records a three-fold warning to prepare and extends an invitation to life!

- (Revelation 22:7, 12, 20) - Warning to prepare
- (Revelation 22:17) - Invitation to life