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### The Great Day That Is Coming!

By Jimmy Pettigrew

There are various kinds of days. There are important personal days: birthdays, marriage, anniversaries. There are important days set forth in the Bible. The Israelites had significant days: Passover and Sabbath. The "first day of the week" is a significant day for the Christian (**Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2**). The "Day of the Lord" is the great day that's coming! Men must prepare now for the day of the Lord. Death is not the end of life because there is a great day coming (**John 5:28-29**). The Lord's return is a sure promise (**2 Peter 3:9; John 14:1-3**). The "day of the Lord" will come as a "thief," unexpectedly, suddenly (**1 Thessalonians 5:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10**). There are no "ifs, ands, or buts" about the Lord second coming. When Jesus comes "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (**2 Peter 3:10**). God by the power of His word brought all material things into existence (**Genesis 1:1**). When He wills His creation to cease, it shall do

so! The physical heavens, at Christ's second coming, along with "... the elements ..." and "... the earth ..." will, by fire be consumed. The material universe shall be destroyed.

In view of the sure promise of Christ relative to His coming and the end of the world "what manner of persons ought ye to be?" (**2 Peter 3:11**):

- (1) People of faith (**1 Peter 1:5-9**)
- (2) Obedient people (**1 Peter 1:22-23**)
- (3) Holy people (**1 Peter 1:15-16**)
- (4) Diligent people (**2 Peter 1:10**)

The wise man wrote, "Where there is no vision, the people perish," (**Proverbs 29:18**). Unless you know where you want to go, you are not likely to get there! We must "watch" (**Matthew 24:42**), and "be ready" (**Matthew 24:44**).

**DON'T THINK YOU CAN  
IGNORE THE LORD IN  
THIS LIFE AND HE WILL  
GIVE YOU A CROWN IN  
THE LIFE TO COME.**

### **What Does The Cross Teach?**

By Jimmy Pettigrew

The fact of a crucified and risen Savior is the very heart of Christianity. It is not within man's power to save **himself (Jer. 10:23)**. How thankful we should be that we can be reconciled to God. But only through the cross of Christ can we be **(Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:20)**. May we consider some things which the cross teaches:

- (1) Man's guilt. **(Rom. 3:9-10, 23)**
- (2) God's righteousness. **(Rom. 3:24-26)**
- (3) God's power to save. **(Rom. 1:16; 8:3)**
- (4) God's gracious offer. **(Jno. 3:16; Tit. 2:11)**
- (5) God's love. **(Rom. 5:8; Jno. 3:16)**
- (6) Necessity of man's obedience. **(Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8-9)**
- (7) To assure Christians that cleansing is available. **(1 Jno. 1:7-10)**
- (8) Shows the worth of the church. **(Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25)**
- (9) The need for holy living. **(1 Cor. 6:18-20; 1 Pet. 1:15)**
- (10) The need for humility. **(Phil. 2:5-8)**

Christ came to earth to do the will of His Father. He willingly endured the persecution and pain that wicked man

brought upon Him. He humbly obeyed God, and died on the cross for the sins of mankind. Looking at what the cross teaches should cause us to gladly and willingly give up anything that stands between us and God. It should result in an attitude of commitment and dedication like we have never seen. It should motivate one to be restored. It should cause one to become a Christian.