

Main Topic: To Become the Elect of God

The world is meaningless. The effort one put toward the world will be meaningless. Only the gospel is power. The more you share the gospel; the more power will be with you and you will be remembered in the Kingdom of heaven.

Main Bible Verse:

(Matthew 24:22) "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Summary:

1. (Matthew 24:10-22) Jesus is coming soon. We should share the love of God, preach the gospel, and serve the Lord more while we could.
2. A special sign of the elect is to stand firm, this is a blessing. Therefore, while we are getting closer to the end time, we should learn to stand firm to the end.
3. The preciousness of the elect:
 - No matter how hazardous the situation is, the elect will not stumble. For the elects will have more perseverance when the environment gets worse. They will pray more and worship more when the situation gets harder. They will read the bible more and preach the gospel more when the hardship gets worse. Just as how Jesus has told us, how serious the great distress during the end time will be.
4. We should be content when we have a job and a place to live. And focus on loving the Lord. For that is the only way to live a fulfilling life. Love the Lord and become the elect.
5. The historically renowned pastor John Sung knew the importance of being an elect. He was highly educated overseas. However, he abandoned all his fame and wealth when he received his calling from God. He returned to his hometown and preached the gospel there. He often put a coffin next to him while he preached and shared, all will end in vain, but one's love to God will never be in vain. He was a wonderful vessel of God and shared the gospel around China.
6. Jesus prophesied about the great distress two thousand years ago. For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. But wherever the elects are, God will protect them.
7. (Matthew 24:45 -47) How do we become the elect? God is seeking for one type of people.
8. "Who" means the ones Jesus is seeking. First, they must be faithful. Second, they must have vision, which means the anointing, prophesy, and revelation is with them. Third, they must be willing to become a humble servant. You will find no arrogance in them. They will be willing to serve others disregard of their own preference. We must be alert and not to discriminate when we serve.

We must learn the following three signs of the elect:

9. The wise virgin symbolizes the Christians who receive wisdom from God. They will not act according to their own will. They will only act after they lift up their hands and pray and have received the anointing and revelation of God. Our marriage, our business, are all in the hands of God, for Jesus is the truth (our method), the way (our direction), and the life (our health- we will have no sickness). This is the elect of God.
10. The three characteristics of the elect:
 - a. Our hearts will not be burdened

- (John 14:1) "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
- b. We will lack nothing:
 - (John 14:2) My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
- c. We could pray to God
 - God created heaven and earth. God wants to bless you with all good things. As long as you love Jesus, love the church, and be faithful, God will not hold any good things from you.

Become the precious elect:

11. The elect who cries out in the middle of the night. (Matthew 25:6) The middle of the night is the situation of the darkness of the society. When the sins increase and the darkness widens, God will send His elect to cry out at this time, to tell the other Christians to endure and not to give up. For we are the elect with the lamp and the oil, and the sign of God.
12. Paul taught us in Romans chapter 10. (Romans 10:14) God warns the type of people without faith, the type of people who only comes to church when they encounter problems. Paul taught us, we must learn to pray and to read the bible on our own. When we are in thirst, we must eat the word of God and becoming an elect with lamp and oil.
13. We will call out to God and seek him. Pray until God speaks to you and gives you direction. Then we will be able to stay away from our own feelings.
14. We could only hear Him when we trust in God wholeheartedly. When we don't know what to do; when we don't know whether we should do something; when we don't know how to complete the tasks at hand, we must pray in tongue. If anyone who does not know how to pray in tongue yet, please seek your district pastors to help you.
15. Praying in tongue is the prayer when we don't know what we ought to pray. Praying in tongue will help us depart from our own feelings. Because only God knows whether a thing is important. When we pray in tongue daily, we will be empowered, and in all things we do, God will silence the foe and the avengers. (Psalms 8:2) On the other hand, without praying in tongue daily, the enemy will suppress you, let you make mistakes, and make you lack self-control.
16. Our feeling is not always accurate. Only when we are praying in tongue, we will be able to depart from our own feelings.
 - We should pray in tongue when we do not know what we ought to pray.
 - Paul said, (I Corinthians 14:18) I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

Conclusion:

(1 Corinthians 14:14-15) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

- This is the success of Paul. He taught us how he prayed in tongue until his mind was unfruitful. Praying in tongue will silence the foe and avengers. We do not know where the enemies are, but God does. The weapon God gave us against them is to pray in tongue. When we pray in tongue, God will drive out the thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Praying in tongue will empower you, so you must begin to pray in tongue daily and let it be the first thing you do when you wake up. You will see how your environment has changed and how Jesus will enter your life to empower you and to help you becoming an elect with lamp and oil.