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Proverbs 1; Proverbs 9; Isaiah 1; Isaiah 64:1–2; Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 24; Mark 13:24–37; James 3:17; 1 John 4:16–19

Mark 13:24–37 (NASB 2020)

24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, **25** and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. **26** And then they will see the son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

28 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near. **29** So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door. **30** Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. **32** But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father *alone*.

33 “Watch out, stay alert; for you do not know when the *appointed* time is.

34 *It is* like a man away on a journey, *who* upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, *assigning* to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay alert. **35** Therefore, stay alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—**36** so that he does not come suddenly and find you asleep. **37** What I say to you I say to all: ‘Stay alert!’ ”

1 John 4:16–19 (NASB 2020)

16 ... God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. 17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have **confidence** in the day of judgment; because as He is, we also are in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 19

We love, because He first loved us.

Watch out for false saviors

Hard times mean heaven is near

Isaiah 64:1–2 (NASB 2020)

1 Oh, that You would tear open the heavens *and* come down,

That the mountains would quake at Your presence—

2 As fire kindles brushwood, *as* fire causes water to boil—

To make Your name known to Your adversaries,

That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

Isaiah 64:8 (NASB 2020)

8 But now, Lord, You are our Father;

We are the clay, and You our potter,

And all of us are the work of Your hand.

No matter how bad things seem, keep looking to Jesus.