



# THE FINAL COUNTDOWN: FEAR OF WHAT'S COMING

## WEEK #8 OF A LIVE BIBLE STUDY SERIES

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**2 Timothy 1:7:** “For God **hath not given us the spirit of fear**; but of **power**, and of **love**, and of a **sound mind**.”

**Maranatha p. 160:** “The **events connected with the close of probation** and the **work of preparation for the time of trouble**, are **clearly presented**. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths **than if they had never been revealed**. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them **wise unto salvation**, and the **time of trouble will find them unready**.”

**Christian Experience and Teachings p. 204.1:** “We have **nothing to fear for the future**, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and **His teaching in our past history**.”

**Manuscript 4, 1898, par. 2:** “But if men **refuse to search for the truth** as for hid treasure, if the mind is **pleased with the theories of error**, the soul will **remain in darkness**. The course of the life, the **development of the character**, will be **corrupted by false sentiments**. **Error never sanctifies**. It can do no good. And how full of **darkness is the soul that receives error as truth** and shapes his course of action in accordance with it.”

**Christ Object Lessons p. 133.2:** “As we near the close of this world's history, **the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study**. The last book of the New Testament scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many, so that **they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study**. But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days, and He says, “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.”

**Proverbs 22:3:** “A prudent man **foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself**: but the simple **pass on, and are punished**.”

**Proverbs 6:6-11:** “Go to the **ant**, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and **be wise**: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, **Provideth her meat in the summer**, and **gathereth her food in the harvest**. **How long wilt thou sleep**, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall **thy poverty come** as one that travelleth, and **thy want as an armed man**.”

**Proverbs 18:15:** “The **heart of the prudent getteth knowledge**; and the **ear of the wise seeketh knowledge**.”

**Philippians 4:7:** “And the **peace of God**, which **passeth all understanding**, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

**John 14:27, 29:** “**Peace I leave with you**, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid**. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now **I have told you before it come to pass**, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.”

**Review and Herald August 2, 1881, par. 7-8:** “Christ calls us to walk with him in this world in the **path of humble, trustful obedience**, which will secure a **pure, holy, happy life**. Which will we choose,—**liberty in Christ**, or bondage and tyranny in the service of Satan? **It is our privilege to have a calm, close, happy walk with Jesus every day we live**.”

“**We need not be alarmed if this path of liberty is laid through conflicts and sufferings**. The liberty we shall enjoy will be the more valuable because we made sacrifices to obtain it. The peace which passeth knowledge **will cost us battles with the powers of darkness, struggles severe** against **selfishness** and **inward sins**.”

“The victories gained daily through persevering, untiring effort in well-doing, will be precious through Christ who hath loved us, “who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.” The excellence of Christ we should seek to obtain. **In the face of temptation we should school ourselves to firm endurance, which will not provoke one murmuring thought, although we may be weary in toiling, and in fighting the good fight of faith**.”

**1 John 4:18:** “There is **no fear in love**; but **perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

**1 John 4:17:** “Herein is our **love made perfect**, that we may have **boldness in the day of judgment**: because as he is, so are we in this world.”

**The Great Controversy p.622.3:** “The “**time of trouble such as never was**,” is soon to open upon us; and **we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain**. It is

often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the land, “as I live, saith the Lord God, **they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.**” [Ezekiel 14:20.]

**Isaiah 41:10:** “**Fear thou not; for I am with thee:** be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will **strengthen thee;** yea, I will **help thee;** yea, I will **uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.**”

**Country Living p. 32:** “It will then be time to leave the **large cities,** preparatory to leaving the **smaller ones** for **retired homes in secluded places among the mountains.**”

