

## Will Christ Return Soon?

### Introduction:

- A. Premillennialists have always loved to engage in “date setting” for the Lord’s return.- e.g., booklet, “On Borrowed Time,” p. 48
- B. Without realizing it, even Christians sometimes slip into this trap.- e.g., “Jesus Is Coming Soon,” # 342, **Songs of the Church**
- C. Do the Scriptures teach that Christ will definitely return soon?

### I. What is the issue?

#### A. **NOT**

- 1. Is Christ coming? - John 14:1-3
- 2. Is He coming literally? - Hebrews 9:27-28
- 3. Is He coming personally? - Acts 1:11
- 4. **COULD** Christ's coming be near? (I am more concerned with the possibility of Christ’s **IMMEDIATE** return than are premillennialists.) - Matthew 24:42

#### B. **IS**: Do the Scriptures teach that Christ will **definitely return soon**?

### II. What can we know? - Deuteronomy 29:29

#### A. Things Revealed: **HOW** Christ will come

- 1. personally - Acts 1:11
- 2. visibly - Acts 1:11
- 3. audibly - 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- 4. gloriously - Matthew 25:31
- 5. with angels - Ibid
- 6. **AS A THIEF** - 1 Thessalonians 5:2

#### B. Secret Things: **WHEN** Christ will come

- 1. hour - Matthew 25:13 .If we can know the approximate time, why were the disciples of the 1st century to watch?
- 2. day - Ibid
- 3. watch - Matthew 24:43; Mark 13:35
- 4. time - Mark 13:33
  - a. “a fixed or definite period, a season” (Vine. 4:38)
  - b. “the decisive epoch waited for” (Thayer. 318)
- 5. times - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 Matthew 24:34
- 6. seasons - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

### III. Not even Christ knows when He shall return. - Mark 13:31-3

### Conclusion:

- A. The Scriptures do **NOT** teach that Christ will definitely return soon.
- B. But we must watch, for He **COULD** return at any time.
- C. Are you ready? - Matthew 24:44