

## Matthew 24:35 The Certainty of the Words of the Lord

Introduction: We live in a world of uncertainty, but there is one thing we can be certain about. The words of the Lord will come to pass. Jesus said so in this text.

### I. Note what Jesus had said that led to the text.

- A. He had said that the temple would be destroyed.
- B. He had given ten signs to show when this would be.
- C. These same ten signs would, in the end time, indicate the time of His coming.
- D. He had given warning of the Great Tribulation.
- E. He had warned of miracle working deceivers.
- F. He had warned of the sun, moon, and stars being darkened.
- G. He had warned of the sign of the Son of Man and His coming.

### II. Note what Jesus is doing in the text.

- A. He is re-assuring His disciples that all these things He has said are so and the predictions He has made will come to pass.
- B. One may wonder, "Why would the Lord's disciples need this assurance? Should not the Lord's disciples believe what He has said?" (Absolutely. Without doubt.)
- C. But knowing human nature as He does, Jesus thought it best to give His disciples some reassurance.
  - 1. Earlier He had told them that He would be killed and the apostle Peter had challenged that statement.
  - 2. Even disciples today may be slow to accept some of the statements we read in the Scriptures. (Not that we challenge the word of the Lord.)

### III. Note what Jesus used to give this reassurance.

- A. He used two of the most durable things in existence: the heavens and the earth.
  - 1. People live and die but the heavens and earth still stand.
  - 2. One generation passes on and a new generation arises, but the heavens and earth stand.
  - 3. Kingdoms rise and fall, but the heavens and earth stand.
- B. Yet the time will come when even the heaven and earth shall pass away, II Peter 3:10, 12; Revelations 21:1.
- C. But the words of the Lord will stand.
  - 1. They will still be on record,
  - 2. They will still be true.
  - 3. It will be in the light of His words that men will be judged.
- D. Hence, every statement, every prediction that Jesus has uttered in all this Olivet discourse are true.

### IV. Note the broader applications to His statement.

- A. His statement applies to all the words of His whole life and ministry, John 12:49-50. (All that He said about God, all that He said about doctrine, all that He said about prophecy.)
- B. His statement applies to all that He, through the Holy Spirit, inspired the sacred writers to write, II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16-17. (We cannot rule out Genesis or Jonah or any of the Holy Scriptures.)

### V. Note what this means to us.

- A. We, as sinners, live temporarily in this world.
  - 1. We soon will die and go out into eternity.
  - 2. We will either go to heaven or hell.

3. God, in His word, has told us how to be saved.
  4. How do we know it will work? Because His word is sure and certain.
- B. Then after we are saved we have His word to study and believe, and to direct our lives, Psalm 119:105.

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