# MELGOME

# WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



Prepare to Meet Your God

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- <sup>12</sup> "Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel;
  Because I will do this to you,
- Prepare to meet your God, O Israel."

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<sup>31</sup>"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; <sup>33</sup>and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

#### □YES, the Lord will return UNANNOUNCED!

1 Thessalonians 5:2— <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. (CSB)

 For 2000 years the Lord has been warning people—

 Be ready
 Be Prepared



Matthew 24:45-51 <sup>45</sup> "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. <sup>47</sup> Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions...

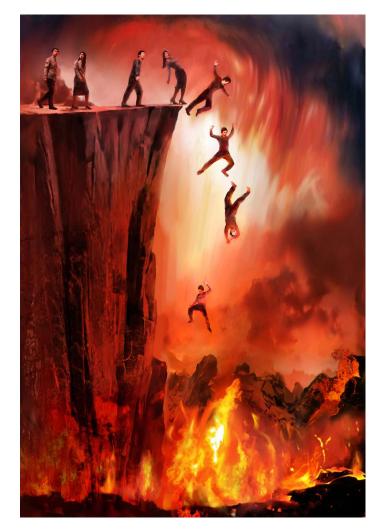


Matthew 24:45-51 <sup>48</sup> But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,' <sup>49</sup> and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; <sup>50</sup>the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, <sup>51</sup>and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (NASB95)

#### <u>1 John 2:15-17</u>

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The "Where" of Forever is our choice.



#### God never intended to deceive man

#### 2 Peter 3:9-

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (NASB95)

#### □ Motivated by Mercy.

- □ Telling us that a meeting is inevitable.
- **Every person.**
- **Preparations must be made.**



Some things must not be left unfinished or undone!



# The reactions of the MANY...

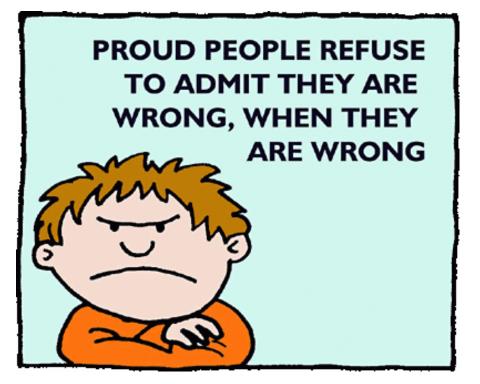
- Many do not trust.
- Many mock that warning.
- Many simply "brush it off."
- Many procrastinate.
- Many have false concepts about God.
- Many believe that there will never be a meeting between us and God.
- Many even believe that there is NO GOD, and for that reason, preparation is not necessary.
- Just live and eat, enjoy the present time!



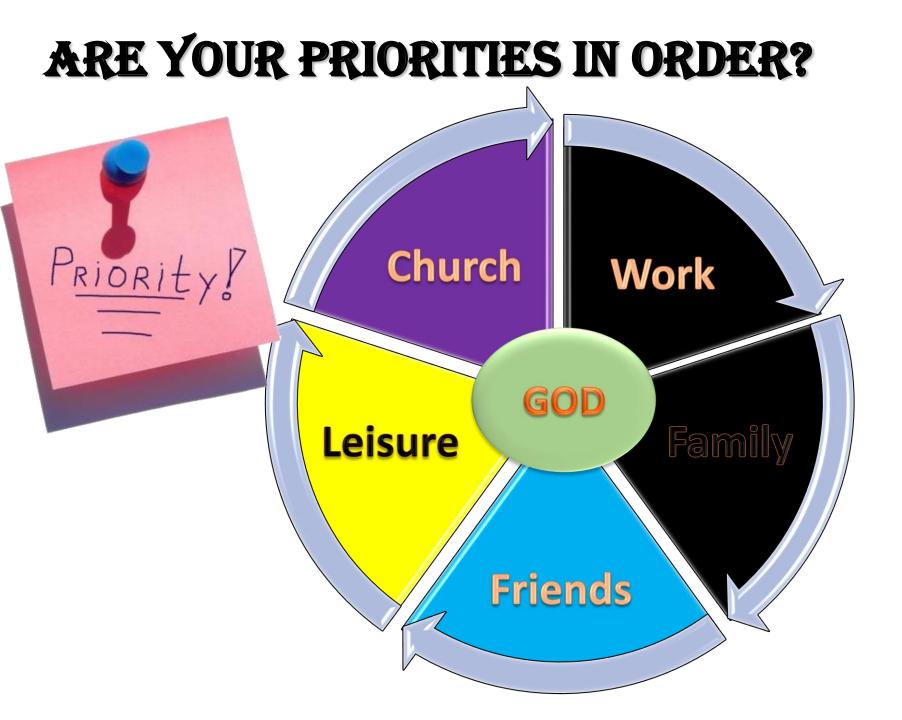
#### Luke 21:34-36

"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

## When Should We Prepare?



- Hebrews 9:27—
- <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,





- Acts 4:12-
- <sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."