THE LAST DAYS Matthew 24:36-44

Introduction:

- A. The Last Days refers to the time period between the First Coming of Christ and His Second Coming.
- I. Great and Growing Wickedness (v. 37)
 - **A.** Jesus compared the nature of His sudden and unexpected return to the flood that took place in the Days of Noah.
 - **B.** Instead of the world getting better in the Days of Noah It got worse and worse (evil, morally wrong, afflictions and wicked) to the point that it broke God's heart.
 - C. So Shall it be when Christ Comes
 - **D. They will not endure Sound Doctrine** (2 Tim 4:3)
 - **E. "Many Departing from the Faith"** (Heb 6:4-6)
 - F. Wickedness in the World Today

II. Faithful Warning

- A. Noah was "A preacher of Righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5)
- B. Noah was warned by God to Build the Ark
- **C.** Just as the people ignored Noah's warning about the impending flood (Judgment), some people today ignore the warning of the impending Judgment (Hell).
- **D.** Keep warning the unsaved of the judgment to come and the Return of Jesus Christ.

III. <u>Sudden Surprise</u> (v. 39)

- A. Just as the people in the Days of Noah did not know the day of the flood until it came and took them away the same is with the Return of Christ.
- B. Comparison of the Days of Noah to the Last Days

IV. <u>Saved – Salvation</u>

- **A.** Noah and his family entered the Ark and were Saved
- **B.** Only those who are Saved God's children will be taken away. Before the judgment of God falls upon the disobedient and the Unbelievers.

V. <u>Unsaved – Judgment</u>

- **A.** As in the days of Noah, all outside the Ark were visited with Judgement, it will be the same with the Coming of Christ.
- **B.** The Ark had only one door to pass through to escape God's Judgment.
- C. The Ark is a picture of Salvation in Christ Jesus, our Ark of Salvation.

Conclusion:

- A. MacArthur & Jesus Christ "I Shall Return"
- **B.** According to 1 Thess 4:16, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout."
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).