

Text: Mark 13:32-37 NKJV

No One Knows the Day or Hour

32 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—

36 lest, coming *suddenly*, he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

Title: “The Master of Suddenly”

I. Introduction

I believe God is accelerating His end-time purposes to bring about a restoration of His glory on the earth before His return for His bride – the church.

As Christians living these last days, we need 5 essential attitudes if we don’t want to continually be caught by surprise, and live in a reactionary way to these SUDDEN events.

II. 5 Essential Attitudes

1. BE TUNED IN – Sometimes God speaks when we least expect it

Matthew 3:17 NKJV

17 And *suddenly* a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Psalms 95:7 NKJV

7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

We need to differentiate between these **4 kinds of voices**:

- i. Our own: our carnal mind is an enemy of God. We must not lean to our own understanding, but in all our ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct our paths.
- ii. People: people mean well, but sincere people can be wrong. God's word is the final authority in all matters.
- iii. The enemy: the enemy cannot read our minds or control our lives, but he can speak lies to us that have the ability to shape our thoughts and actions. We must not take counsel from the enemy.
- iv. God: It takes wisdom and understanding to perceive the voice of God. God will use other Christians who are submitted to Him to help us discover His voice and confirm His direction. The Bible is always the test for the voice of God.

Daniel 11:32b NKJV

32 ...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

How are we going to overcome all the craziness and do great things for God? By *KNOWING* God! This is an intimate relationship where we converse with Him often, and we are **READY** if He speaks **SUDDENLY**.

2. BE VIGILANT – We have to respond to the storms of life when we least expect them

Matthew 8:24 NKJV

24 And *suddenly* a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

Things can **SUDDENLY** go bad, but just as **SUDDENLY**, things can be restored by the Master!

3. BE PREPARED – The Master will require an account of our lives when we least expect it

Mark 13:35-36 NKJV

35 Watch therefore...

36 lest, coming **suddenly**, he find you sleeping.

Revelation 22:20 NKJV

I Am Coming Quickly

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

4. BE READY TO MINISTER – Demands on our anointings, miracles, and the operation of the gifts of the Spirit can happen when you least expect them

5. BE EXPECTANT - Encounters with God can happen SUDDENLY when we are in the right place, expecting great things

Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

Coming of the Holy Spirit

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

III. CONCLUSION

God is the **Master of suddenly** - *—one call, text, mail or the alike can change your life forever. Hold on—only believe that nothing is too hard for God.*

It is time for us to BELIEVE God for GREATER THINGS!