

BBC - 9/29/24-AM Home Bible Study Outline – “Q: Will Returning Lord Find Faith?” – [Luke 18:7-8](#)

In [Luke 18:8b](#), Jesus asks, “...*when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*”

- Jesus is directing His question to all, *both* the world and the Church.
- In [Matthew 13:52](#), the Lord compares Scribes as householders who are instructed concerning the Kingdom of Heaven, who bring forth out of His treasure things **new and old**. The “*Scribes/householders*” are the Church’s Pastors. The “*Kingdom of Heaven*” is what Jesus brought down to earth from heaven. The “*Treasure*” is the Word of God. Things “*new & old*” are truths revealed from the Word of God.

Discussion:

- 1) What is Jesus referring to in His question of [Luke 18:8b](#)?
- 2) What responsibility falls on Pastors to rightly instruct people so to build their faith?

The **New Testament** suggests that when Jesus returns He will not find world-wide faith.

- In [Luke 17:26-30](#), Jesus offers two comparisons as to the conditions He will find in the world at His return.
- In [Jude 18-19](#), Jesus says that near to the time of His coming there will be a rising of “mockers.”
- In [2 Peter 3:3-5a](#), Jesus adds, as the time nears there will be “scoffers” who mockingly deny His coming.

Discussion:

- 1) What two historical times does Jesus compare His coming to in [Luke 17:26-30](#)?
- 2) What is the common spiritual condition & attitude of the people in [Jude](#) & [2 Peter](#)?
- 3) Are these attitudes limited to the world, or can they also apply to people in Church?

The **True Church** is taught the accurate truth related to the events connected with Jesus’ Second Coming.

- [1 Thessalonians 4:16-18](#) reveals to us the specific events that will occur at the time of the Rapture.
- [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#) admonishes us to be aware & alert to the “times & seasons” related to His coming

Discussion:

- 1) Is the description of His second coming for His Church as described in [1 Thes 4:16-18](#) suggest a “secret coming” that no one will notice except for those being raptured?
- 2) According to [1 Thes 5:1-11](#), will Jesus’ coming as a “thief in the night” be a surprise to the unbelieving world, or to the awaiting Church?

The **Old Testament** offers “old” illustrative comparisons to the Lord’s coming for His New Testament Church:

- [Exodus ch.19-32](#) recounts the events of the Israelites in the wilderness, after the exodus from Egypt, and before their entry into the Promised Land.
- [Exodus 19:10-11](#) & [13](#) parallels Jesus’ New Testament salvation & admonition to be ready for His return.
- [Exodus 19:14](#) parallels Jesus saving & sanctifying work during the Church Age.
- [Exodus 19:15-19](#) parallels Jesus’ teaching of the extraordinary events associated with His second coming.
- [Exodus 19:20-25](#) can be seen as a parallel to Jesus’ ascension and the subsequent sending of the Spirit.
- [Exodus ch.20-31](#) can be paralleled to the establishment of New Testament doctrine for the Church Age.
- [Exodus ch.32](#) describes Moses’ return after 40 days on the Mount with God; a parallel of the 2nd Coming.

Discussion:

- 1) How does [Exod. 32:1-6](#) describe the parallel conditions on earth at the 2nd Coming?
- 2) How do these conditions compare to those described above in [Luke](#), [Jude](#), & [2 Peter](#)?
- 3) In [Exod. 32:25-26](#), Moses separated the people asking, “*Who is on the LORD’s side?*” How does this compare to what Jesus will do as described in [Matthew 25:31-34, 41](#)?

Is it time for the **True Church** to awaken?

- As the “True Church,” we are admonished to recognize the “*times*” and the “*seasons*,” to be *watchful & diligent*, and to be found *faithful*.

Discussion:

- 1) What admonishment does [2 Corinthians 6:1-2](#) give us concerning *receiving salvation*?
- 2) What subsequent connection does [Mark 16:16](#) make with *salvation & water baptism*?
- 3) What admonishment does [Matthew 10:22, 24:13](#) & [Mark 13:13](#) give us of *endurance*?