

BBC - Home Bible Study Outline - 11/10/24-AM – “Day & Night Works” – John 9:4

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Jesus' words in [John 9:4](#) suggest three main things: **1)** There are works to be done while there is opportunity; **2)** The work climate will change; and **3)** There's coming an end of day-work opportunity.

But, as we saw from [1 Chronicles 9:33](#), our work continues both day & night.

So, it's a different work during the night time. The daytime work won't be able to continue at night.

Discussion: **1)** Using the example of a typical workplace; what different types of work is expected from daytime employees, as compared to when the workplace is closed at night?

1) The Church's Daytime Work:

- The Church's Great Commission is to go into all the world to proclaim the Gospel to every person, to teach all nations, to baptize believers, and to disciple them ([Matthew 28:18-19](#) & [Mark 16:15](#)).
- Christ is continually building His advancing Church as new converts believe His Word that is being preached by us, with the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 16:18](#) & [Acts 1:8](#)).
- The Gospel and uniqueness of Christianity must be proclaimed effectively and convincingly:
 - Jesus Christ is risen. No other religion has evidence of a sinless Savior who both died & arose;
 - Unlike godless atheism that offers no hope or explanation for life, Christianity offers hope based on God's unfailing promises that transcend over calamities, disasters, loss, and evil.
 - The Gospel offers remedy for even the most bizarre deceptions. For example ([Romans 12:1-2](#)): To our gender-confused generation, told that through hormones & mutilation of sex organs they must conform their bodies in order to bring them in compliance to their minds' distorted thoughts, God says the opposite... Don't conform to this world's lies, but rather present your bodies to God as they are, and be transformed in your thinking by the *renewing of your minds!*
 - Every religion offers judgment and the possibility of forgiveness & acceptance at the end of life. But Christianity offers a past already-paid judgment, and both forgiveness & acceptance now, at the moment of belief, before the end of life!
 - The Christian's post-death judgment is for rewards of faithfulness, not for the earning of favor.

2) The Changing Work Climate:

- The Bible teaches that the latter Church Age days will be a perilous time of increased wickedness:
 - [1 Timothy 4:1-3](#) – lying & seducing doctrines of devils will cause many to depart from true faith
 - [2 Timothy 3:1,12-13](#) – the Godly will be persecuted, while seducers will wax worse and worse
 - [Matthew 24:3-14](#) – Before the end there will be a 'beginning of sorrows' and 'great affliction'
 - [Mark 13:9-10](#) - Forewarning of great persecution; but Gospel reaches all nations before the end
 - [John 16:20-21](#) – World rejoices while believers lament, but their sorrow will be turned into joy
- The cause & nature of the Night season:
 - [2 Thessalonians 2:6](#) & [Daniel 10:21, 12:1](#) – Michael, who withholds, ceases his restraint
 - [2 Thessalonians 2:3-4](#)-As the 'man of sin' (*the Antichrist*) is revealed there's a great falling away
 - [Revelation 13:7](#) – Antichrist is permitted to globally war against the saints, and overcome them
 - [Daniel 7:21](#) – the 'little horn' (*Antichrist*) wars and prevails against the saints
 - [Matthew 24:22](#) – For the elect's sake, the Antichrist's campaign against the saints is cut short

3) The Church's Night Work (John 9:4):

- [Ephesians 6:13](#) – utilize God's armor to withstand in the 'evil day'; and having done all, stand firm
- [Revelation 2:13,25](#); [3:3,11](#) – Repeated four times to the seven end-time churches: “hold fast”

Discussion: **1)** When does [2 Corinthians 6:2](#) say is the acceptable time to receive Christ's salvation?
2) What does [Hebrews 2:3](#) warn us about what we ought not to procrastinate or neglect?
3) What is the distinction between the Church's daytime work and night-time work?