

Signs of the End of the Age

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Do Not Be Deceived

KEY VERSE:

2 Timothy 4:3-4 -- "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."

REFLECTION:

I want to be honest with you this morning -- deception is the number one sign of the end times, and it does not always look obvious. It rarely shows up wearing a neon sign. It creeps into pulpits, into conversations, into our own thinking when we stop feeding ourselves the full Word of God. I have watched men and women I deeply respected slowly drift from truth, not all at once, but one small compromise at a time. The moment we start editing scripture to make it more comfortable, we have stepped onto dangerous ground. The good news is this -- the truth of God's Word is your protection. When you stay in it, all of it, from Genesis to Revelation, deception cannot get its hooks into you. Stay close to the whole counsel of God today.

PRAYER:

Lord, guard my mind against every subtle lie that tries to dress itself up as truth. Keep me anchored in your Word, not just the parts that are easy, but every page. I trust you to lead me in the right direction today.

DAILY ACTION:

Read one passage of scripture today that challenges or stretches you, and sit with it for five minutes before moving on with your day.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Israel, the Fig Tree, and God's Faithfulness

KEY VERSE:

Romans 11:25 -- "For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in."

REFLECTION:

I find it remarkable that God made a promise to the Jewish people thousands of years ago, and he has not changed his mind once. Not once. We are a dispensationalist church, which means we believe God has a specific and glorious plan for Israel that is still unfolding right now. The veil Paul speaks of is real, but it is also temporary. God has not forgotten his people. When I look at what is happening in the Middle East, when I see the red heifers in Israel, the materials ready for the temple, I do not get afraid. I get excited. Because

everything God said would happen is happening in real time. That means his promises to you are just as certain. What he said about your life, your family, and your future -- he meant every word of it.

PRAYER:

Father, thank you for being a God who keeps every promise. Help me trust you as completely with my own life as you are faithful to your eternal plan for Israel. Give me eyes to see what you are doing in the earth today.

DAILY ACTION:

Find one promise in scripture that speaks directly to something you are believing God for, and write it down somewhere you will see it throughout the day.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Do Not Be Troubled

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 24:6 -- "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

REFLECTION:

Jesus did not give us the signs of the end times to frighten us. He gave them to us the way a road sign warns you of a sharp curve ahead -- so you can make adjustments, slow down, and navigate wisely. I have to be real with you. If you are consuming news and conflict all day long, war after war, shooting after shooting, political chaos after chaos, it will wear down your peace if you let it. Jesus specifically said, do not be troubled. That is not a suggestion, it is an instruction. We are not supposed to be people who are paralyzed by what is happening in the world around us. We are supposed to be people who know what time it is and press in harder. The world is shaking, yes. But our God is not. Run to him today, not to the news feed.

PRAYER:

Lord, I choose to fix my eyes on you instead of the chaos around me. When I feel the weight of what is happening in the world, remind me that you are still on the throne and that none of this has caught you off guard. Keep my heart steady.

DAILY ACTION:

Set a specific time limit on how long you consume news or social media today, and use the time you save to pray or read scripture instead.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Stay Hot

KEY VERSE:

1 Thessalonians 4:1 -- "Furthermore then we urge you, brethren, and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, so you would abound more and more."

REFLECTION:

God does not want a lukewarm church. He never did. I have said it from this pulpit and I will keep saying it -- in the last days, the temptation will be to drift, to coast, to do just enough to feel religious without actually pursuing God with everything you have. The apostle Paul did not say maintain your walk. He said abound more and more. Press in deeper. Go further. These signs around us are not a reason to pull back. They are a two-minute warning. They are God saying, this is the time to run harder, give more, pray longer, and love people more fiercely than you ever have. We are the generation chosen to be alive in this moment. I want to make that count. I do not want to show up at the end and hand God a mediocre effort. I want to hand him everything.

PRAYER:

Lord, set my heart on fire again today. Wherever I have grown comfortable or complacent, wake me up. I want to abound more and more in you, not just get by. Use me in this season for your glory.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one area of your faith life where you have been coasting, and take one concrete step today to re-engage -- whether that is prayer, serving, giving, or reaching out to someone who needs encouragement.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Be About Your Father's Business

KEY VERSE:

2 Peter 3:11 -- "Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?"

REFLECTION:

When I read this verse, I feel it in my chest. Peter is saying, look, everything you see around you is temporary. The buildings, the systems, the political noise, all of it is passing away. So the real question is not what is happening out there. The real question is what kind of person are you becoming in here? In the days we are living in, where deception is widespread, where violence has become ordinary, where the church in many places is losing its nerve -- this is the moment for you and I to be more consecrated, more on fire, more committed to holiness and to reaching people than ever before. I am not going to slow down. I am going to push harder. And I want the same for you. Very soon, in a moment, it will all change. Until that trumpet sounds, let us be found doing the Father's business.

PRAYER:

Father, let the reality of your coming shape how I live today. I do not want to waste the time I have been given. Help me live with purpose, walk in holiness, and reach someone with your love before this week is done.

DAILY ACTION:

Before the weekend, reach out to one person outside your church community -- a neighbor, coworker, or

family member -- with a genuine act of kindness or a simple word of encouragement that opens a door for the gospel.