

LIKE THE DAYS OF NOAH



One thing's for sure: it won't be the talk of the town.

In Noah's day they thought he was mad and went on with their lives.

In our day those ominous predictions are simply boring.

We're bored when the children keep shouting,

"The planet is starting to fry!"

"Things are out of control!"

Who cares?

We're bored by the doomsday prophets who see nuclear disaster up ahead.

"Madmen control nuclear stockpiles!"

"It's only a matter of time before some fool presses the red button!"

Who cares?

Crackpots keep shouting,

"The End is near!"

And we roll our eyes.

"For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man."

Jesus keeps it simple.

He just says, "Pay attention".

"See that no one leads you astray."

He gives no time frame.

Jesus simply stands at the door of the Kingdom and keeps saying, "Come on in!"

Once we enter the Kingdom, we're ready for the final hour, no matter when it comes.

Meanwhile

We keep our eyes on the kingdom and our hearts on the King.

We walk in his light.

We practice his mercy.

We speak the truth.

We love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.

And let the fire fall when it will!



Prayer: Lord, may we not be like those in the days of Noah...having a "who cares" attitude or blinded to the troubles in around us and ahead of us, blinded to the sin and the raging of the world. May we heed your call and pay attention and not be led astray by anyone. May we be ready for this time by continually residing in your presence. And yes, keep our eyes and hearts on you, loving you and others with all that we have, constantly ready to pour your mercy into those around us....knowing that when and as the fire comes we are under your loving care. Amen.

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