

From: Michael Birnbaum <michael@islonline.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:56 AM
Subject: Living the Word This Week

To all The Elect,

Elect?? Yep, that's what the Bible calls all those who love the Lord and are destined to be with Him forever. Today we talked about the end times and the end of time. In addition to the First Lesson today, I Thess. 5: 1-11, we heard Biblical texts that showed us what it will be like on that **Great Day**, as St. Jude calls it.

1. We learned **not to fear** that day --it will be a **day of victory** and **welcoming home** for "the Elect", the redeemed people of God.
2. We learned that we need to **feed our faith and starve our fears**. Focus on building your faith and fears of "what's going on around us" will starve away. 😊. If you feed your fears by dwelling on them instead of God, then your faith will starve. 😞
3. The BIG question is NOT **when** that Great Day will happen or **how** will it happen, but rather **ARE YOU READY FOR IT TO HAPPEN!!?**

I've attached the Biblical references I used today to describe the Great Day and all that will happen.

May the Lord bless, keep, and PREPARE each and every one of you!

Pastor

Rev. Michael W. Birnbaum
Pastor, Living Word Lutheran Church
Founder, Well Child International
Serving the Global Family One Family at a Time
Founder, International Service Learning

•

End Times Texts

The end will come on a normal day, just as in the days of Noah.

¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. I Thess 4:16

²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. Mark 13:27

³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Matt 25:32

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3 :10

³⁰Then^[a] the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven,^[b] and^[c] all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They^[d] will see *the Son of Man arriving on the clouds of heaven^[e]* with power and great glory. Matt 24:30

³¹"When^[a] the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, Phil. 2: 10

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. Rev 21:3

⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death^[a] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" Rev. 21: 4

