

THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING

Selected scriptures

Introduction

Zephaniah 1:14, 2 Timothy 4:8

- I. The Return 1 Thessalonians 4:16
 - A. The Sound of the Lord's Command John 11:43
 - B. The Sound of Michael's Voice
 - C. The Sound of the Trumpet
- II. The Resurrection 1 Thessalonians 4:15-16, John 11:11, Acts 7:60, Acts 13:36, 1 Corinthians 15:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-16
- III. The Redemption 1 Corinthians 15:42-44
 - 1. Our New Bodies Will Be **Incapable** of Sickness or Death
 - Our New Bodies Will Be <u>Identical</u> to the Body of the Resurrected Jesus Philippians 3:20-21, John 20:27
 - 3. Our New Bodies Will Be <u>Identifiable</u> by All Who Knew Us on Earth Matthew 8:11
 - 4. Our New Bodies Will Be <u>Illuminated</u> in Brilliance Daniel 12:3, Matthew 13:43
 - Our New Bodies Will Be <u>Infinite</u> in Physical Power 1 Corinthians 15:43, John 20:19
 - 6. Our New Bodies Will Be Incredibly Suited for Heaven and Eternity
- IV. The Rapture 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18
- V. The Reunion 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Conclusion

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Getting Started
1. Life has a way of challenging our desires. Describe what it feels like to be
hopeless. When have you felt that your faith was smaller than your circumstances?
Circumstances?
2. What brought you out of that season? Who was with you during this time? What change did this dark season bring about in your life?
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Going Deeper 1. How do the future events described in the Bible reframe your perspective of the
world we live in today?
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Pastor Jeremiah listed five future events: the Return, the Resurrection, the Redemption, the Rapture, and the Reunion. Which of these encourages your ability to walk in faith through an increasingly difficult world?
3. Read John 16:33. How does this verse offer you a new awareness of peace? If Jesus has overcome the world, what parts of your life can you trust Him with
4. Read Hebrews 4:15 and Hebrews 12:2. In this world where "you will have tribulation" (John 16:33), how does it feel to know that Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses? Further, what does it say about His willingness to endure the cross on your behalf?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44. What are the four contrasts between our present body and our future body? Describe how it will feel to have a brand new body.
Applying the Message
What emotions do you experience when you think about the Rapture?
How does reconnecting with the truth about the Rapture shift your awareness of God's work and presence in your life today? How can you live differently?