

# A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

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*Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS  
with great power and glory. And then He will send forth the angels,  
and will gather together His elect from the four winds,  
from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.*

**Mark 13:26-27**

The problem we face whenever we try to study eschatology, or the “*End Times*” as people call it, is that we want God to give us a road map to the future so we can figure it all out and know what’s coming. But God has wisely refused to do so! I say *wisely* because I can just imagine what we’d be tempted to do if God had spelled out everything in advance. I’m afraid we’d be tempted to just sit there on our backsides ‘til all the signs lined up just right, and then we’d get busy living for Him!

So God in His wisdom has not given us a detailed preview of all that is coming – no matter what those so-called “prophesy experts” may claim! Instead, he has left most of those days shrouded in mystery so that we will “*keep on the alert*” since we “*don’t know when the appointed time will come*” (Mark 13:33). But what God has done for us is give us *just enough* of a view of what is coming to reassure us of His complete and glorious triumph at the end of all things, and of being gathered to Him in glory!!

That’s what I want us to see this morning in Mark 13:24-27. I believe Jesus is giving us just enough of view of what is coming to enable us to rest with complete confidence in the promise of His ultimate triumph. So, what should we do with such a passage? We should understand that as believers, though we must suffer the trials and disappointments of this world, we can encourage one another daily with a full assurance of Christ’s soon and triumphant return. *Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!*

Resting with you in the Promise of His Mercy,

*Pastor Scott*