

Verses 1-3. To be in  
God's family means to  
identify with a people  
in grave peril.

“But 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. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?”

- 2 Peter 3:10-11, NIV

“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety,’ destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, NIV

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing...

Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.” - Joel 2:12-15, NIV

Verses 4-11.

Identifying with God's  
people involves  
counting the cost.

“The shaking of American culture is no sign that God has given up on American Christianity. In fact, it may be a sign that God is rescuing American Christianity from itself.”

- Russell Moore

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

- Mark 8:34-38, ESV

Verses 12-17. At some defining moment, you will be forced to decide.



The choice to identify with God and his people is a choice between death and death.

“We are never indispensable in God’s plan, but we are always responsible for our obedience to it.”

- Colin Jones

“Heroes ain’t born—they’re cornered.”

- Red Fox

“For there is one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”

- 1 Timothy 2:5, NIV