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Present Truth – Part B

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22. What does Christ say of that servant who, when He comes, is found giving "meat in due season"?

"_____ is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

Matthew 24:46

NOTES: The coming of Christ in glory has been the hope of the faithful in all ages.

- **Luther declared:** "I persuade myself verily, that the day of judgment will not be absent full three hundred years. God will not, cannot, suffer this wicked world much longer. The great day is drawing near in which the kingdom of abominations shall be overthrown."

- **Melanchthon said:** "This aged world is not far from its end."

Calvin bade Christians "not to hesitate, ardently desiring the day of Christ's coming as of all events most auspicious;" and declared that "the whole human family of the faithful will keep in view that day." "We must hunger after Christ, we must seek, contemplate," he adds, "till the dawning of that great day, when our Lord will fully manifest the glory of His kingdom."

- **Said Knox, the Scotch Reformer:** "Has not our Lord Jesus carried up our flesh into heaven? and shall He not return? We know that He shall return, and that with expedition."

23. What will be the burden of the closing gospel message?

"Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His _____ is come: and _____ Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. . . . Babylon is fallen, is fallen. . . . If any man _____ the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." **Revelation**

14:7-10

24. How are those described who accept this message?

"Here is the _____ of the saints: here are they that keep the _____ of God, and the _____ of Jesus." **Revelation 14:12**

25. How earnestly is this work to be prosecuted?

"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and _____ them to _____ in, that my house may be filled." **Luke 14:23**

NOTE: This work is now going on. In every part of the world the sound of this closing gospel message is being heard, and the people are being urged to accept it, and to prepare for Christ's coming and kingdom.

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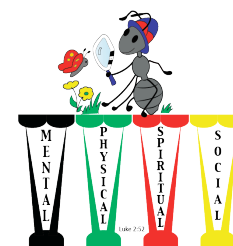
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"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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16. What did those do who were baptized of John?

"And all the people that heard Him, and the publicans, _____ God, being baptized with, the baptism of John." **Luke 7:29**

NOTE: That is, they honored God by this act, which showed their faith in His truth for that time.

17. Did God's chosen people receive Christ when He came?

"He came unto His own, and His _____ received _____ not." **John 1:11**

18. What reason did they give for not receiving Him?

"We know that God spake unto Moses: *as for this _____, we know _____ from whence _____ is.*" **John 9:29**

NOTE: That was the trouble; they had no faith in anything new. They *knew* that God spoke by Moses: it required little faith to believe that. They felt perfectly safe in accepting him, for everything had demonstrated that he was sent of God. All could see that. But here was One whom, although He had come in fulfillment of the prophecies of Moses and the prophets as their long-looked-for Messiah, they felt there was a risk in accepting, because they did not understand the prophecies relating to Him, and time had not worked out to their satisfaction the truthfulness of His claims. It required too much *faith*, as against their desire to walk by *sight*, to accept Christ. It also called for a change of views in some things, and a reformation in life. So they rejected Him. They believed in the flood, faith in which had saved Noah; they believed in Elijah also, and professed faith in all the prophets; but when it came to this special truth for their time, they refused to accept it. Thus it has been in all ages, and thus we may expect it to continue to be to the end.

19. How did Christ say those who rejected Him reasoned?

"Ye build the tombs of the _____, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous, and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets." **Matthew 23:29-30**

NOTE: While they condemned the action of their fathers in slaying the prophets whom God had sent with messages of reproof and warning applicable to those times, they soon filled up the measure of the iniquity of their fathers by putting to death the Son of God. This showed that they would have done as did their fathers had they lived in their day. Thus we see that present truths are testing truths.

20. What was the result of the Jews' not accepting Christ?

"And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but *now they are _____ from thine eyes.*" **Luke 19:41-42** "Behold, your house is left unto you _____." **Matthew 23:38**

21. Is there to be a special message for the last days?

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. *Who then is a _____ and wise _____, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in _____ season?*" **Matthew 24:44-45**

NOTE: In the last days a message will go forth which will be "meat in due season" to the people. This must be the warning concerning the Lord's soon coming, and the preparation necessary to meet Him. Because, such a message was not always preached, is no evidence that it is not now to be proclaimed. In his farewell address to the Pilgrim Fathers on their departure from Holland for America, John Robinson said: "The Lord knoweth whether I shall ever see your faces more; but whether the Lord hath appointed that or not, I charge you before God and His blessed angels to follow me no farther than I have followed Christ. If God should reveal anything to you by any other instrument or His, be as ready to receive it as you ever were to receive any truth by my ministry; for I am very confident that the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out of His Holy Word. For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of the Reformed churches, who are come to a period in religion, and will go no farther than the instruments of their reformation. The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go any farther than what Luther saw; and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented; for though they were burning and shining lights in their time, yet they penetrated not into the whole counsel of God, but were they now living, would be as willing to embrace further light as that which they first received."