

As we look at the world today we see conditions very similar to those that brought on the decline of the Roman empire. Immorality is constantly increasing. Things that would hardly be mentioned a few years ago are today flaunted before the public. Christian standards seem to be disappearing in many areas. Some institutions that were founded for the promulgation of Christianity have become centers for its destruction. A third of the globe, under control of some of the most brutal tyrannies that the world has ever seen, frequently declares its intention of completely destroying both Christianity and civilization as we have known it. Unless our Lord returns very soon, chaos and disaster may be just around the corner.

Whatever is ahead, God calls upon us to remember the two great emphases of Acts 1. As Paul declared in Phil. 3:20: "Our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." May He find us faithfully serving Him when He comes.

Prayer: Our Father, we thank you that at the very end of His time on earth the Lord Jesus Christ gave us these two great emphases. We thank you that the coming of the glorious millennial kingdom is absolutely certain, and that we can have the encouragement and blessing that this knowledge gives. Help us to keep our eyes on heavenly things, but to do our part in earthly things. Whatever may be our means of support, help us, as our principal task while we wait for our Lord, to be true witnesses to Him who gave His life that we might live. In Jesus' Name, Amen.