



“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.”

(Mark 13:33)

How to prepare for the last
day?

1. Pray and watch

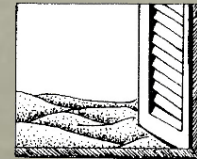
- “But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” (Mark 13:13)



2. Repent

- “...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:3)
- “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 Jn. 1:9)
- *“Repentance is the renewal of baptism and is a contract with God for a fresh start in life.”*
(St. John Climacus)
- *“Repentance is the daughter of hope and the refusal to despair.”* (St. John Climacus)

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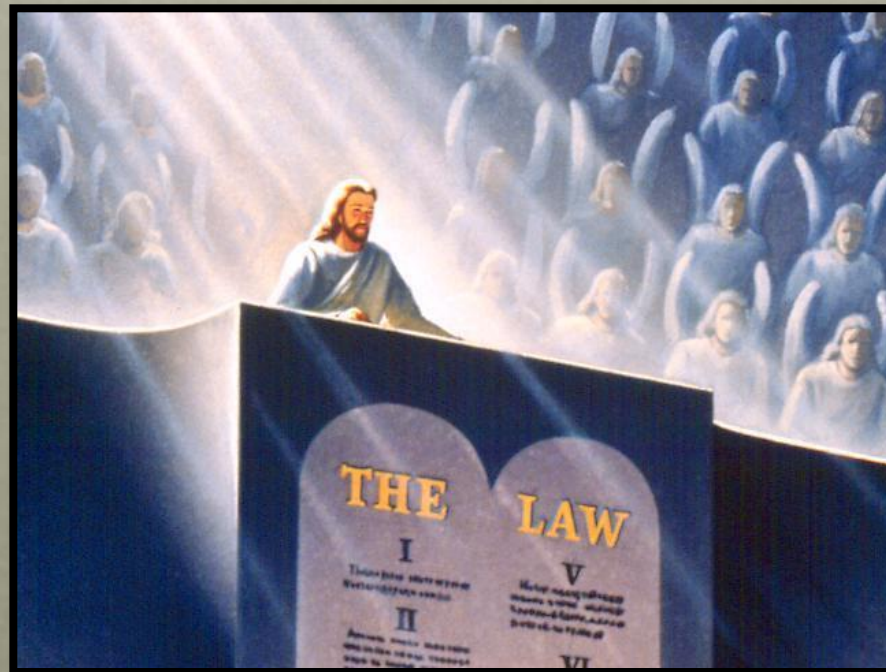


3. Walk uprightly

- “O Lord, who shall abide in Your dwelling place? And who can rest upon Your holy mountain? It is he who **walks blamelessly, doing righteousness, speaking truth in his heart,** he who has **not spoken deceitfully** with his tongue, **neither has done evil to his friend, nor taking up a reproach against his neighbors.** The evil worker is disdained before him, but he glorifies those who fear the Lord. **He gives oath to his friend and does not turn away from him. He has not given his money on usury, and has not received bribes against the godly. He who does these things shall not stumble forever.” (Ps. 14 LXX)**
- God will judge our efforts in all of our relationships

4. Contemplate on that day

- “As the Judge is present, take heed, my soul, awake consider that awesome hour...” (2nd Litany of 3rd Midnight Watch)



5. Do not turn back

“I think earth, if chosen instead of Heaven, will turn out to have been, all along, only a region in Hell: and earth, if put second to Heaven, to have been from the beginning a part of Heaven itself.” (C.S. Lewis)

“I believe that any man who reaches Heaven will find that what he abandoned has not been lost.” (C.S. Lewis)

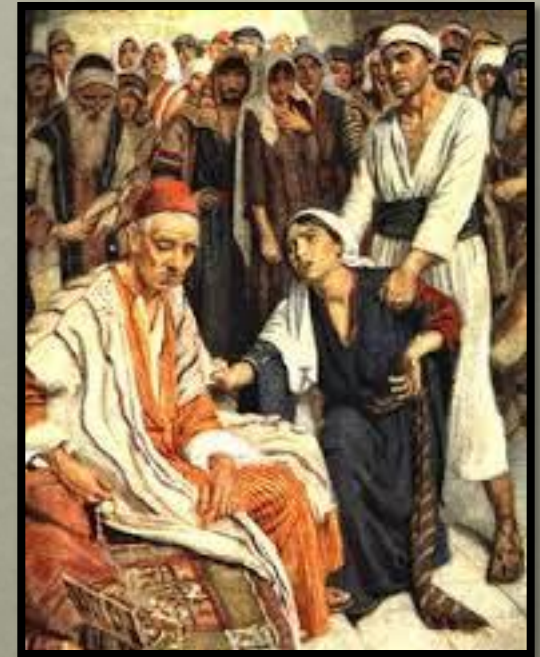
“Yet indeed I also count all things
loss for the excellence of the
knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whom I have suffered the loss of
all things, and count them as
rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”

(Phil. 3:8)



6. Be Persistent

- “And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth.” (Luke 18:7-8)



7. Rejoice in seeing others in the presence of the lord

- “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.”
(1 Thes. 2:19)



How to prepare for the end?

1. Watch and pray
2. Repent
3. Walk uprightly
4. Contemplate on that Day
5. Do not turn back
6. Be persistent
7. Rejoice in seeing others in the presence of the Lord