

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today's topic: MOTIVATED BY HOPE.

**1. The promise of Christ's return (300+ times in NT)**

- a) John 14:1-3
- b) Titus 2:11-14
- c) Hebrews 9:27-28
- d) Why is our certain hope in the glorious return of Jesus so important or every Christian?

**2. What Jesus taught about His return in glory**

- a) Matthew 24:27-31
- b) Revelation 1:7
- c) What revelation did Jesus give to the apostle Paul about His return in glory? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- d) What confirmation did two angels give regarding the nature of Christ's return to earth? Acts 1:9-11

**3. Longing to know the day and the hour**

- a) According to Jesus, what can we know about the time of His return? Matthew 24:29-33
- b) While some have sought to pinpoint the exact date of Christ's return in glory, what clear revelation did Jesus give to His followers? Matthew 24:36-42

**4. William Miller and the Great Disappointment**

- a) Who was William Miller, and what conviction did he come to from his study of Bible prophecy?
- b) What principles of Bible interpretation did William Miller follow? 2 Peter 1:19-21, Acts 17:11, Isaiah 28:9-10, Proverbs 8:8-9, John 16:13
- c) Some Christians discourage a study of Bible prophecy. What promise did the apostle John give regarding the study of Bible prophecy? Revelation 1:1-3 (See also Daniel 2:45)
- d) Where in Bible prophecy did William Miller discover that something very significant was going to occur in 1844? (Daniel 8:14, Daniel 9:20-27)
- e) How did William Miller interpret the cleansing of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the 2300-day prophecy?
- f) What the result of his preaching? (revival and a Great Disappointment)

**5. Lessons learned from the Great Disappointment**

- a) Was Miller mistaken about the certainty of Christ's return in glory? (give biblical support for your answer)
- b) Rather than try to pinpoint a date for Christ's return, what lesson should we learn from Jesus? Matthew 24:43-44
- c) What changes are you convicted to make in your life in preparation for the glorious return of Jesus?

