"When Shall These Things Be..." # 4


Intro. A. The signs of the Lord's return are to be seen in the heavens and on earth.

Vs. 25a 1. "... signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars..."

Vs. 25b 2. "... and on the earth..."

Vs. 25c 3. "... men's hearts failing them..."

B. "When these things BEGIN to come to pass"

1. "... look up and lift up your heads;"

2. "... for your redemption draweth nigh."

I. A Parable of Warning.

A. The subject of the parable.

Vs. 29 1. "Behold the fig tree,"

2. "... and all the trees;"

3. The fig tree is the last to leaf.

B. The leafing is a warning of summer.

Vs. 30 1. "When they now shoot forth..." (leaf out)

1. "... ye see..."

2. "that summer is now nigh at hand."

C. The lesson Jesus taught.

Vs. 31 1. "So likewise ye, (make the comparsion.)"

2. "... when ye see these things come to pass..."

3. "Know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

4. "This is what we pray for."

5. "It is the time of Christ's 1,000 year reign."

6. "It is possible because Satan is bound."
IV. The Things we must Do:

A. The Two things we can do.

1. "Watch ye therefore". ἀπερεπτεῖνον "to be sleepless"; "lie awake", "to be very intent upon a thing".
2. "... and pray always" = θέλω "to need" "to want", "to make known one's need", "urgently request".
3. John's prayer, Rev. 22:20. "He which testifieth these things saith, Sorely I come quickly. Amen." Even so, come Lord Jesus.".

B. These things should not break our stride.
Vs.37a 1. Jesus continued His work in the day.
Vs.37b 2. He went to the Mt. of Olives to pray at night.
Vs.38 3. He taught the people early in the morning.

C. While we watch and pray.
1. We should continue our work.
2. We should continue our worship.