

LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

“A Primer for Eschatology” (Part II) Selected Scriptures

INTRODUCTION

- REVIEW – 5 Disclaimers

EXPOSITION: A Primer for Eschatology

4 Main Views on the Millennium

1. Amillennialism
2. _____
 - a. Critiques of postmillennialism
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - b. Supporters of postmillennialism
3. _____ premillennialism
 - a. Critiques of dispensational premillennialism
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - b. Supporters of dispensational premillennialism
4. _____ premillennialism
 - a. Supporters of historic premillennialism

- Where do we all agree?

- Learning to triage doctrine
 - o “Triage” – “_____”
 - o Needed since all doctrine is not of equal important
- James 2:10
- 4 Categories of Doctrine
 - o _____ doctrines
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- Questions for triaging
 - John 17:20-21
 - o How clearly or certainly is the doctrine taught in Scripture?
 - o Does the doctrine influence our view of the character of God?
 - o How relevant is the doctrine to the Gospel?
 - o How frequently is the doctrine taught in Scripture?
 - o Does a doctrine affect other doctrines?
 - o Is the doctrine orthodox?
 - o How does this doctrine effect our personal life and behavior in the church?
 - o Is there a current pressure in the universal church or society to teach or deny a doctrine?
 - o What are the motivations of those proposing a doctrine?
 - o What are the motivations of those proposing a doctrine? Does it seem self-serving or rebellious to God’s Word? (e.g., prosperity Gospel, false teachers)

CONCLUSION

Eschatology Definitions

1. Amillennialism: eschatology view that teaches the millennium is a spiritual reign of Jesus Christ and not a literal 1,000 years; beginning at Jesus' defeat of sin and Satan at the cross/tomb
2. Rapture: the removal of the church from earth; could be an activity, an event, or both; texts to consider
3. Tribulation: a future 7-year period of divine judgment on the earth or an ongoing form of God's judgment on the earth
4. Day of the Lord: a specific time of God's judgment; could be over a nation, a people, or a climactic day of judgment
5. Second Advent: when Jesus returns with the armies of heaven to set up His kingdom or to judge the world
6. Preterism: the general belief that all passages dealing with the tribulation or Jesus' return were fulfilled around A.D. 70
7. Dispensationalism: a theological system that views history as ages ordained by God for the affairs of the world in which Israel and the church are viewed as having separate programs given by God to relate to man but not different paths of salvation
8. Covenantalism: a theological system that views history through a series of covenants