THE QUESTION

What does "one taken and the other left" mean (Luke 17:35)?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Early writers read this saying as a picture of Christ's coming as Judge, when He separates believers from unbelievers. The two women doing the same daily work show how suddenly that day comes. The writers draw one main lesson from it: stay awake, keep doing the Lord's commands, and be ready at any hour.

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Christ comes to judge and separate people

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus quotes the saying about the two women at the mill as part of his case that Christ truly judges. He ties it to the end of the age, when the believing and the unbelieving are separated, and he says each side has made its own choice.

1

> "For "He came to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;" and when two are in one bed, He will take one and leave the other; and of two women grinding at the mill, He will take one and leave the other."
>
> *later in the same passage*
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> "If the coming of the Son comes indeed to all, but with the purpose of judging and separating the believing from the unbelieving, since those who believe do His will by their own choice, and the disobedient do not agree with His doctrine by their own choice, it is clear that His Father has made everyone in the same state, each person having a choice of their own and a free understanding, and that He cares for all things and oversees everything, "making His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sending rain on the just and the unjust.""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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The wheat and the goats show the outcome

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Right after the mill saying, Irenaeus lists other pictures of the same final sorting: tares burned and wheat gathered, lambs invited into the kingdom and goats sent away. He reads the one taken and the one left in that same light of final judgment.

2

> "At the end time, He will tell the reapers to gather the tares first, bind them in bundles, and burn them with unquenchable fire, but to collect the wheat into the barn, and to invite the lambs into the kingdom prepared for them, but to send the goats into everlasting fire, which has been prepared by His Father for the devil and his angels."

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It comes as suddenly as Noah's flood

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Tatian's Gospel harmony keeps the saying in its setting. People were eating, marrying and building in Noah's and Lot's days until judgment fell without warning. The women at the mill belong to that same picture of ordinary life cut short.

3 “They did not realize it until the flood came and took them all away. So the coming of the Son of Man will be.”

later in the same passage

“Two women will be grinding at one mill; one will be taken, and the other left.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 42 (c. 150–180 AD)
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The same Lord judged in Noah's day

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Irenaeus points out that the Lord who sent the flood and the fire on Sodom is the same Lord who will bring the last judgment. The days of Noah and Lot are a warning of what the final day will be like.

4 “In these passages, He declares the same Lord, who in the times of Noah brought the flood because of man’s disobedience, and who also in the days of Lot rained fire from heaven because of the multitude of sinners among the Sodomites, and who, due to this same disobedience and similar sins, will bring the day of judgment at the end of time; on which day, He declares, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah than for that city and house which does not receive the word of His apostles.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD)
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The lesson is to stay ready

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The saying is followed at once by a call to watch, because no one knows the hour. The Didache gives the same plain charge to believers: keep your lamps lit and be ready.

5 “Be attentive now, for you do not know at what hour your Lord comes.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 42 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 3, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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6 “Do not let your lamps go out, and do not let your belts be loosened. Instead, be ready, because you do not know the hour when our Lord is coming.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Didache,** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 16 (c. 50–120 AD) **Source 1, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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Watchfulness means doing the Lord's commands

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Cyprian applies the Lord's warnings to daily Christian life. Being ready is not just waiting; it means waking up from laziness, doing good works, and keeping faith awake for the Lord's sudden coming.

7 “Let us always wait with carefulness and caution for the sudden coming of the Lord, so that when He knocks, our faith may be awake and receive from the Lord the reward of our watchfulness.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 8, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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God warns but does not force

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Irenaeus gathers the Lord's warnings about watching and being found faithful. He says they show that people freely choose, while God counsels and urges them to turn from unbelief without forcing them.

8 "All these passages demonstrate the independent will of man and, at the same time, the counsel which God gives to him, urging us to submit to Him and trying to turn us away from the sin of unbelief against Him, without, however, forcing us in any way."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD)
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages do not say plainly whether the one taken is the righteous person or the wicked one.
- They do not set a date or describe the order of end-time events in detail.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 12 early Christian passages and 176 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–12, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 13–138, in Bible order), then 50 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *12 passages from 7 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 16 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** "for your life's sake. Let not your lamps be quenched, nor your loins unloosed… [continues online] **read ›**

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Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 2*

2 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 1) He shall come on the clouds as the Son of man, so Daniel foretold, and His angels shall come with Him… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 3*

3 *Diatessaron* 42 (1885 English) **Quotes 3, 5, pages 3, 4** “one bed; one shall be taken, and another left… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 4–6*

4 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quotes 1, 2, page 2** “her mother-in-law;” and when two are in one bed, He will take one and leave the other; and of two women grinding at the mill, He will take… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “as a snare shall it come upon all dwelling upon the face of the earth.” “Let your loins, therefore, be girded about, and your lights burning, and ye like to… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 5** “For this reason the Lord also said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” And… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 7*

7 *Against Marcion* 28 (on point 5) “returning? If from the wedding, He is the Christ of the Creator, for the wedding is His… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 8–10*

8 *Treatises* (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** “12:35 We ought to be girt about, lest, when the day of setting forth comes, it should find us burdened and entangled… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 6) “8:31-32 Moreover, forewarning us that we ought always to be ready, and to stand firmly equipped and armed, He adds, and says: Let your loins be girded about… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Treatises* (1885 English) “Lot's wife. And lest any one should be retarded by any covetousness of wealth or attraction of his own people from following Christ, He adds, and says: He that… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 11–12*

11 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 5) “watchful for your life. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, and you like men who wait for their Lord, when He will come, at even, or… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 2) a great concussion above the clouds, with the angels of His power… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *126 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

13 **Genesis 13:9** Look, is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you go to the left, I will go to the right; and if you go to the right, I will go to the left.” **read ›**

14 **Genesis 19:15** When morning came, the angels urged Lot on, saying, “Arise, take your wife and your two daughters whom you have, and get out, so that you too are not destroyed along with the lawlessness of the city.” **read ›**

15 **Genesis 19:17** When they had brought them outside, they said, “Save, save your own life! Do not look behind you, and do not stop anywhere in all the surrounding region. Escape to the mountain, or you may be swept away with them.” **read ›**

16 **Genesis 49:18** waiting for the salvation of the Lord. **read ›**

17 **Exodus 9:19** Now therefore hurry to gather your cattle and all that you have in the field; for all the people and beasts that are found in the fields and do not come into a house shall die when the hail falls on them.’” **read ›**

18 **Exodus 38:3** He made all the furnishings of the altar, its fire pan, the base, the bowls, and the bronze flesh hooks. (Septuagint Exodus 38:23 (Exodus 38:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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19 **Leviticus 18:23** You shall not lie with any four-footed beast to mate with it, to be defiled with it; nor shall a woman stand before any four-footed beast to be mounted by it; for it is a loathsome thing. **read ›**

20 **Leviticus 20:13** Whoever lies with a male as one lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. Let them surely be put to death; they are guilty. **read ›**

21 **Leviticus 20:16** As for a woman who approaches any beast to be mounted by it, you shall kill the woman and the beast. Let them surely be put to death; they are guilty. **read ›**

22 **Numbers 11:8** The people would go about and gather it, and grind it in the mill and pound it in the mortar, and boil it in the pot, and make it into cakes baked under ashes; and its sweetness was like the taste of a wafer made with oil. **read ›**

23 **Deuteronomy 5:32** So you shall take care to do as the Lord your God commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, **read ›**

24 **Deuteronomy 24:6** You shall not take the lower millstone or the upper millstone in pledge, for such a man takes a life in pledge. **read ›**

25 **Deuteronomy 25:4** You shall not muzzle an ox while it threshes. **read ›**

26 **Deuteronomy 25:11** If men are fighting together, a man with his brother, and the wife of one of them comes near to rescue her husband from the hand of the one striking him, and she puts out her hand and seizes him by his testicles, **read ›**

27 **Deuteronomy 28:30** You shall take a wife, and another man shall have her; you shall build a house, and you shall not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, and you shall by no means gather its grapes. **read ›**

28 **Joshua 8:4** He commanded them, saying, “Lie in ambush behind the city; do not go far from the city, and all of you be ready. **read ›**

29 **Judges 9:53** Then a woman threw a piece of an upper millstone on Abimelech’s head and crushed his skull. **read ›**

30 **Ruth 2:7** She said, ‘Please let me gather and collect among the sheaves behind the reapers.’ So she came and stood from morning until evening, and she did not rest in the field even a little.” **read ›**

31 **Ruth 2:17** So she gathered in the field until evening, and she beat out what she had gathered, and it came to about an ephah of barley. **read ›**

32 **Ruth 2:23** So Ruth kept close to the young women of Boaz to gather, until the barley harvest and the wheat harvest were finished. **read ›**

33 **Ruth 3:6** So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her. **read ›**

34 **1 Samuel 18:6** The dancing women came out to meet David from all the cities of Israel, with tambourines and with rejoicing and with cymbals. **read ›**

35 **2 Samuel 22:43** I ground them like the dust of the earth; like the mud of the streets I beat them thin. **read ›**

36 **1 Kings 3:16** Then two women who were prostitutes appeared before the king and stood before him. **read ›**

37 **1 Kings 3:25** And the king said, “Divide the living child, the nursing one, in two, and give half of it to the one and half of it to the other.” **read ›**

38 **Job 31:10** then let my wife also please another, and let my infants be humbled. **read ›**

39 **Ecclesiastes 3:19** And indeed to them belongs the event of the sons of man and the event of the beast; one event is theirs. As the death of the one, so also the death of the other; and there is one breath for all. And what advantage has the man over the beast? None; for all is vanity. **read ›**

40 **Ecclesiastes 6:10** If anything has come to be, its name has already been called; and it is known what man is, and he will not be able to contend with one who is stronger than he. **read ›**

41 **Song of Solomon 4:6** until the day breathes and the shadows move. I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense. **read ›**

42 **Isaiah 9:20** But one will turn aside to the right because he will be hungry, and he will eat from the left; and a man eating the flesh of his own arm will by no means be satisfied. (Septuagint Isaiah 9:19 (Isaiah 9:20 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

43 **Isaiah 28:27** For the black cumin is not cleaned with harshness, nor will a wagon wheel go round over the cumin; but the black cumin is beaten with a rod, and the cumin will be eaten with bread. **read ›**

44 **Isaiah 28:28** For I myself will not be angry with you forever, nor will the voice of my bitterness trample you down. **read ›**

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45 **Isaiah 47:2** Take a millstone, grind flour; remove your veil, uncover your gray hairs, bare your legs, pass through rivers. **read ›**

46 **Lamentations 5:13** The chosen men took up weeping, and the young men grew weak under the wood. **read ›**

47 **Ezekiel 21:16** And go through; be sharpened on the right and on the left, wherever your face is roused. (Septuagint Ezekiel 21:21 (Ezekiel 21:16 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

48 **Ezekiel 23:2** “Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother, **read ›**

49 **Ezekiel 23:3** and they prostituted themselves in Egypt in their youth; there their breasts fell; there they lost their virginity. **read ›**

50 **Ezekiel 23:20** and you lusted after the Chaldeans, whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys, and their members like the members of horses; **read ›**

51 **Ezekiel 23:21** and you looked upon the iniquity of your youth, the things you did in Egypt in the place where you stayed, where the breasts of your youth were. **read ›**

52 **Ezekiel 23:44** And they went in to her as men go in to a woman who is a prostitute; so they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, to commit iniquity. **read ›**

53 **Daniel 4:27** Therefore, O king, let my counsel please you: redeem your sins by acts of mercy, and your unrighteous deeds by compassion to the poor; perhaps God will be long-suffering toward your trespasses.” **read ›**

54 **Daniel 7:13** I was looking in a vision of the night, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man was coming, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was brought near before him. **read ›**

55 **Daniel 11:31** And seeds from him shall arise, and they shall profane the sanctuary of might, and remove the continual offering, and set up an abomination made desolate. **read ›**

56 **Hosea 10:2** They have divided their hearts; now they shall be destroyed. He himself shall dig down their altars; their pillars shall be in misery. **read ›**

57 **Hosea 12:3** In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his labors he was strong with God. (Septuagint Hosea 12:4 (Hosea 12:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

58 **Hosea 12:4** And he was strong with an angel and prevailed; they wept and pleaded with me; in the house of On they found me, and there it was spoken to them. (Septuagint Hosea 12:5 (Hosea 12:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

59 **Micah 5:6** and they will shepherd Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its trench; and he will deliver from Assyria, when he comes against your land and when he sets foot within your borders. (Septuagint Micah 5:5 (Micah 5:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

60 **Micah 6:9** The voice of the Lord will be proclaimed to the city, and he will save those who fear his name. Hear, O tribe; and who will set the city in order? **read ›**

61 **Zephaniah 1:5** and those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops, and those who worship and swear by the Lord, and those who swear by their king, **read ›**

62 **Tobit 8:21** and that then he should take half of his possessions and go in good health to his father, “and the rest when my wife and I die.” **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:7** You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, and do not turn aside, lest you fall. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:7** Do not wait to turn to the Lord, and do not put it off from day to day; for suddenly the anger of the Lord will come forth, and in the time of vengeance you will perish. **read ›**

65 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:16** Do not count yourself among the multitude of sinners. **read ›**

66 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:14** He will make room for every act of mercy; each one will find according to his works. **read ›**

67 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:14** And he said to them, ‘Beware of all unrighteousness’; and he gave each of them commandment concerning his neighbor. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:20** Before judgment, examine yourself, and in the hour of visitation you will find atonement. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Sirach 29:20** Help your neighbor as far as you are able, and be careful that you do not fall. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Sirach 30:4** His father died, and it is as though he had not died, for he has left behind him one like himself. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Sirach 32:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:29** So it is with the potter sitting at his work and turning the wheel with his feet, who is always set with care upon his work, and all his work is by number. **read ›**

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73 **Wisdom of Sirach 47:19** You laid your loins beside women, and you were brought under power in your body. **read ›**

74 **Baruch 3:19** have vanished and gone down to Hades, and others have risen up in their place. **read ›**

75 **Baruch 4:16** and they carried away the beloved ones of the widow, and robbed the lonely woman of her daughters. **read ›**

76 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:43** And the women, with cords around them, sit by the roads burning bran for incense; and when one of them, led away by some passer-by, has lain with him, she taunts her neighbor for not having been thought as worthy as herself, nor having had her cord broken. **read ›**

77 **Susanna 1:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **Susanna 1:51** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **2 Maccabees 3:19** Women, with sackcloth tied under their breasts, crowded the streets; and the virgins who were kept indoors ran together, some to the gates and some to the walls, while some looked out through the windows. **read ›**

80 **2 Maccabees 6:10** For two women were brought in who had circumcised their children. They hung the babies at the women’s breasts, led the women publicly around the city, and threw them down headlong from the wall. **read ›**

81 **3 Maccabees 1:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **3 Maccabees 4:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **4 Maccabees 9:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

84 **4 Maccabees 15:26** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

85 **1 Enoch 9:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

86 **1 Enoch 22:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

87 **1 Enoch 27:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

88 **1 Enoch 38:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **1 Enoch 41:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **1 Enoch 46:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

91 **1 Enoch 46:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 48:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **1 Enoch 60:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

94 **1 Enoch 62:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

95 **1 Enoch 62:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 63:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

97 **1 Enoch 69:27** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

98 **1 Enoch 69:29** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

99 **1 Enoch 71:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

100 **1 Enoch 71:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

101 **1 Enoch 76:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

102 **1 Enoch 83:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

103 **1 Enoch 91:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

104 **1 Enoch 96:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

105 **1 Enoch 100:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

106 **Matthew 2:3** When King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. **read ›**

107 **Matthew 16:27** For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will give to everyone according to his deeds. **read ›**

108 **Matthew 24:30** Then the sign of the Son of Man shall appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn. They shall see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **read ›**

109 **Matthew 24:40** Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one will be left. **read ›**

110 **Matthew 24:41** Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one will be left. **read ›**

111 **Matthew 25:31** “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. **read ›**

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112 **Matthew 27:38** Then there were two robbers crucified with him, one on his right hand and one on the left. **read ›**
113 **Mark 12:21** The second took her and died, and he too left no seed; and the third likewise. **read ›**
114 **Mark 15:27** With him they crucified two robbers, one on his right hand, and one on his left. **read ›**
115 **Luke 4:3** The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” **read ›**
116 **Luke 12:14** But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” **read ›**
117 **Luke 12:35** Keep your belts tied around your waists and your lamps burning. **read ›**
118 **Luke 12:40** Therefore be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour that you do not expect him.” **read ›**
119 **Luke 17:24** for as the lightning, when it flashes out of one part under the sky, shines to another part under the sky, so will the Son of Man be in his day. **read ›**
120 **Luke 17:30** It will be the same way in the day that the Son of Man is revealed. **read ›**
121 **Luke 17:31** In that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not go down to take them away. Let him who is in the field likewise not turn back. **read ›**
122 **Luke 17:34** I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed. One will be taken and the other will be left. **read ›**
123 **Luke 17:35** Two women shall be grinding together; one shall be taken and the other left.” **read ›**
124 **Luke 17:36** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
125 **Luke 17:37** They asked him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the body is, there the eagles shall be gathered.” **read ›**
126 **Luke 21:35** For it will come like a trap upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. **read ›**
127 **John 3:23** John also was baptizing in Enon near Salim because there was much water there. People came and were baptized; **read ›**
128 **John 5:22** For the Father judges no one, but he has given all judgment to the Son, **read ›**
129 **John 5:27** He also gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. **read ›**
130 **Acts 4:1** As they spoke to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came to them, **read ›**
131 **Acts 9:19** He took food and was strengthened. Saul stayed several days with the disciples who were at Damascus. **read ›**
132 **Acts 26:20** but declared first to them of Damascus, at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. **read ›**
133 **Acts 28:27** For the heart of this people has grown fat, and with their ears they have been dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I should heal them.’ **read ›**
134 **1 Corinthians 3:19** For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written: He who catches the wise in their craftiness. **read ›**
135 **1 Corinthians 4:16** Therefore I urge you, become imitators of me. **read ›**
136 **2 Corinthians 5:11** Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are revealed to God, and I hope that we are revealed also in your consciences. **read ›**
137 **Colossians 1:14** in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. **read ›**
138 **Revelation 14:14** I looked, and saw a white cloud, and on the cloud one sitting like a son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. **read ›**

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John 7:38

Acts 13:47

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1 Thessalonians 4:16 · 4:17

2 Timothy 2:15

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Jude 1:7

Revelation 20:5

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