



II Peter 2:4-9 (The Rescue of God):

- Sin Results in God's Wrath
- God's Judgement Against Sin is Inescapable
- God's Judgement of Sin is Without Mercy
  - o (Ezk. 24:14; Rom. 6:23)
  - o Except Under the Substitutionary Atonement of Christ
- Those Declared Righteous (Under Christ) are Sheltered by God

Luke 21:33-36 (The Rescue of God):

- Do Not Become Distracted by Sin
- Do Not Become Distracted by Temporal Concerns
- Live as One Longing for Christ's Return
- Meet Each Day as an Opportunity to Minister
- Remember: Christ is Our Place of Refuge
  - o God's Rescue is from Himself

“All the saints and elect of God are gathered together before the Tribulation, which is to come, and are taken to the Lord in order that they may not see at any time the confusion which overwhelms the world because of our sins.”

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Isidor of Seville (d. 636)

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Matthew 24:3-31 (The Olivet Discourse):

(v. 3-14) The Church is Called to Minister During:

- Political Strife (War)
- False Prophets, Teachers, Messiahs
- Natural Disasters
- Spiritual Intolerance and Persecution
- A Time When Human Nature will Lose the Very Appearance of God's Influence
  - o But, the Redeemed will Endure the Challenge

