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II. Time is Short. vv. 13-14

III. Maintain gospel-driven life for the rest of your life. v. 15

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No Silver Bullet *Messy* Unsafe

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“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 “All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; Matthew 25:31–32

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“Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they **see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”**

Matthew 16:28

And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they **see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”**

Mark 9:1

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And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, 31 who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Luke 9:30-31

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What was from the beginning, **what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands**, concerning the Word of Life | John 1:1

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I was crying to the LORD with my voice, And He answered me from His **holy mountain. Selah.**

Psalm 3:4

O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your **holy hill?
Psalm 15:1**

“Thus says the LORD, ‘I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, **and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.’
Zechariah 8:3**

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Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5** through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

Romans 1:1-5

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Can you think of hindrances to paying attention to God's Word this way?

- **Don't see it**
- **I see another Light (lost in the descriptive words)**
- **Settling for less than transcendency**
- **Own finite minds limiting**
- **Cultural/political rubric instead of God's own witness**
- **Looks like following God but missing God who is beyond our own loves & agendas**
- **We are the "gods" through who's lens we interpret the Word**
- **Failing to see greatness & goodness of God in revealing Himself to us at all ~ Rom.1**
- **Don't love God enough to see supremacy of Christ. ~Heb.12:1-2**

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We must not in practice deny our allegiance to the authority of the Word of God by saying we believe it while continuing to live according to what is right in our own eyes.

Burk Parsons

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Can you think of dangers of focusing too much on either the divine or human writing of Scripture?

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“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

Revelation 22:16