

GOD'S BUSINESS

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With the terrible war between Russia and the Ukraine and the disastrous floods in Pakistan, people are asking, as they did in Jesus' day, the question is the Messiah about to come?

There are wars and rumours of wars, signs in the sky, earthquakes and famines.

False prophets are predicting the time is near.

Some are even giving up work. Jesus tells them no one except the Father knows the time it will happen.

This is God's business and the Messiah will come at God's appointed time.

People are to be ready by going about their ordinary daily lives.

Paul rebuked the Thessalonians, who gave up work waiting.

Work was their God-given duty and responsibility to feed themselves.

What are we to make of the world now?

As Christians we are called to witness and work, to make the message of salvation known around.

We are not to listen to the false prophets. Bad things happen in a sinful world.

Many good things do too. Let us enjoy and thank for the good times, and leave God's eternal business to him. He will act when he is ready.

Reflection:

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be aware, keep alert for you do not know when the time will come.

John 13:32,3

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