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There we read: "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the ~~day~~ flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

Of course there are two elements in this. There is the element of the ungodly world which goes along saying, Where is the promise of His coming? All things continue as they have been since the very beginning. We live ungodly lives but maybe some day we will turn to the Lord, but what's the hurry? Here we are told that in such an hour as they do not recognize, God may call them into His presence, or the Lord may come back and bring an end to all their opportunities of reform. Verse 44 ~~day~~ says, "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Yet this is directed not only to the ungodly, it is directed also to the believer. We notice the great stress on the fact, we do not know when He is coming. No one knows. Not the angels in heaven nor the Son but only the Father. AS in the days before the flood it came suddenly. It does not sound like a time of great excitement and fear; it sounds like everything is going smoothly. Certainly there is nothing wrong with their eating and drinking unless this is done to excess. There is certainly nothing wrong with marrying and giving in marriage if carried out in a Christian way. The expression is here of life going along in ordinary way and suddenly the Lord comes. No one knows the day or hour, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son. Keep watch because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Such expressions are not restricted to the 24th chapter of Matthew. In the 25th chapter, verse 13, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." We find the same idea given in what we are told about our Lord's discourses in the Gospel of Mark. In Mark 13 we read in verse 32 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son but only the Father." Then in v. 25 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back, whether in the evening