

# (Clip) Characteristics of the Last Days

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## Transcript

If you're being spanked by God, thank Him for it. Don't get grumbling and complaining. Thank you, God, for spanking me.

Thank you for taking that job away if it meant me rejecting you. Thank you for giving me that health scare if I was drifting from you. Thank you for my finances being drained if that's what it takes to get me back to you.

Thank you for that spouse walking out the door and saying, I'm never returning if it caused you to give up that addiction. Thank God when He spans you. And I get this a lot.

Christians are so judgmental. Actually, many are not judgmental. We want you to avoid God's judgment.

I'm not judgmental. I'm helping you avoid God's judgment. That's actually love.

Paul said we are to warn every man. Paul said that. We are to warn every man of the wrath that is to come.

Boy, Shane, that's not popular. Right, but I've told you before, we're not trying to build a mega church. We're trying to reach a lot of hearts.

And the funny thing is the more you honor God, the more He gets it out. Like for example, San Diego, the more He just... Because He wants to get this message out there more than we do. Think about this.

Think about how important this is. Somebody hears this, right? They hear this and they die in the next five seconds without receiving Jesus. They're spending eternity in hell.

Let that sink in. Is that not true? Somebody's driving, oh yeah, they're driving down the 405 or the 5, see if I can name some of the eight in San Diego, Pacific Coast Highway. And they hear this, oh, that's a good point.

I should do that someday. Bam! Traffic accident. They're gone.

For whom the bell tolls. Today is the day of salvation. Today is the day of salvation.

You need to be healed. You need to be set free. You need deliverance in any area of strongholds.

Let our prayer team pray with you. We're going to be next door. And also, if you need to be baptized, hey, I did it at 10, I did it at 5, I'm coming to the Lord for the first time, or I'm recommitting, let me know, I'll go change my clothes, and we'll baptize you this morning.

Men will be on this side, women on this side. If we have anybody this morning, I would encourage you to do that, because we don't know when that bell will toll.

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