

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily  
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Cycle A

Predictions of the end of the world are as old as humankind. Even now, some people still live in the end time rather than in the reality of today.

There are at least two important messages in today's passage. The first is that the horrible event comes without warning. And that has a reason. When we know the day of the end of the world or the hour of the end of our life, we might live an indifferent life. We would not care whether we do good or bad, because we plan to convert just a day before. What a life that would be.

Unfortunately, many people live as they would never die. Jesus would have told us the exact time but He did not. He urges us to be always prepared and ready. The saying about the body and the vultures is a common Jewish proverb which means everything will happen when certain conditions are fulfilled, "In His time", we say.

The second point is that two people who work or live together would not automatically be both saved. Here is a hidden warning. Intimacy with a good person is no guarantee for our salvation. Each one will be judged individually. I have friends that sometimes told me, "Father can you just pray for me because I'm so busy and I don't have time to go to Church". We cannot discharge our duty to God by proxy.

This should not scare us. As long as we try to listen well to all of Christ's teachings, do the will of the Father, and be prepared for the great encounter with the Lord, we could look forward to this moment with great expectation and not with fear. That is why we pray after the Lord's Prayer, "Protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ".

Amen