

## Watch And Pray Always! By Keith Brooks

### Classic Christian Writings:

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:34-36).

It would be hard to find any passage in the New Testament containing stronger words than found in the original of Luke 21:36, our Lord’s warning to His own concerning the last days.

“Watch ye”—not the usual word, but one meaning “sleeplessness”—being constantly alert. The same word is used in Mark 13:33 and Ephesians 6:18.

“Pray always”—a word meaning the most urgent form of supplication and this “all the time.”

“That ye may be accounted worthy to escape [lit. ‘clean away from’—to get away from the place of danger] all these things that shall come to pass [lit. ‘just when about to come to pass’] and to stand [a word meaning ‘to be stationed’] before [lit. ‘in front of’ or ‘in the presence of’] the Son of man.

Here is a mighty call to prayer to all true believers, with assurance to those who obey.