

The Universal Trial

Jesus Christ predicted that the entire humanity was to be submitted to a great trial – the worst of all times - the eve of His Return. This trial aims at testing the hearts and revealing the secret intentions. Jesus asked everyone to remain alert in order not to be overtaken by this hard and subtle trial:

- "Then there will be a great distress such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be... (Mat 24,21)... Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with debauchery, drunkenness and worries of this life, and so that day come upon you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come down on all those living on the face of the earth..." (Luke 21,34-35).

In spite of the multiple warnings of the Messiah, men have gone astray by debauchery, drunkenness, drugs, worries of life and all sorts of impiety. Paul predicted it:

- "In the last days there will be difficult times. People will be selfish, avaricious, boastful, arrogant and rude, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, intractable, slanderers, profligates, savages and enemies of everything that is good, treacherous, reckless and demented by pride, preferring their own pleasure to God, having the appearance of religion but rejecting the inner power of it" (2 Tim 3,1-5).

Jesus promised to protect those who will remain faithful during this deceitful and pitiless trial:

- "...If that time had not been shortened, no human being would have survived; but that time shall be shortened for the sake of those who are chosen" (Mat 24,22).

- "Because you have kept my commandment to persevere, I will save you in the time of trial which is coming for the whole world to put the people of the world to test" (Rev 3,10).

Paul confirmed that Jesus will save the ones who are waiting for Him faithfully during this trial:

- "Christ will manifest Himself a second time to those who are waiting for Him to bring them salvation" (Heb 9,28).

These elected ones are chosen one by one. Jesus said: "I tell you, on that night (of trial) when two are in one bed, one will be taken, the other left; when two women are grinding corn together, one will be taken, the other left" (Luke 17,34-35).

The signs of this Universal Trial are here. This trial in itself is a sign that the Return of Jesus is very near: "When you will see all these things happening, know that I am near, right at the door... (Mat 24,33)... Look I am standing at the door, knocking" (Rev 3,20).

The most evident sign is the presence of the Antichrist in Jerusalem.

The Universal Trial is followed by a Universal Restoration. Blessed are those who take part in it.

(See texts "The Universal Restoration", "The Signs of Christ's Return", "The Key of the Apocalypse").