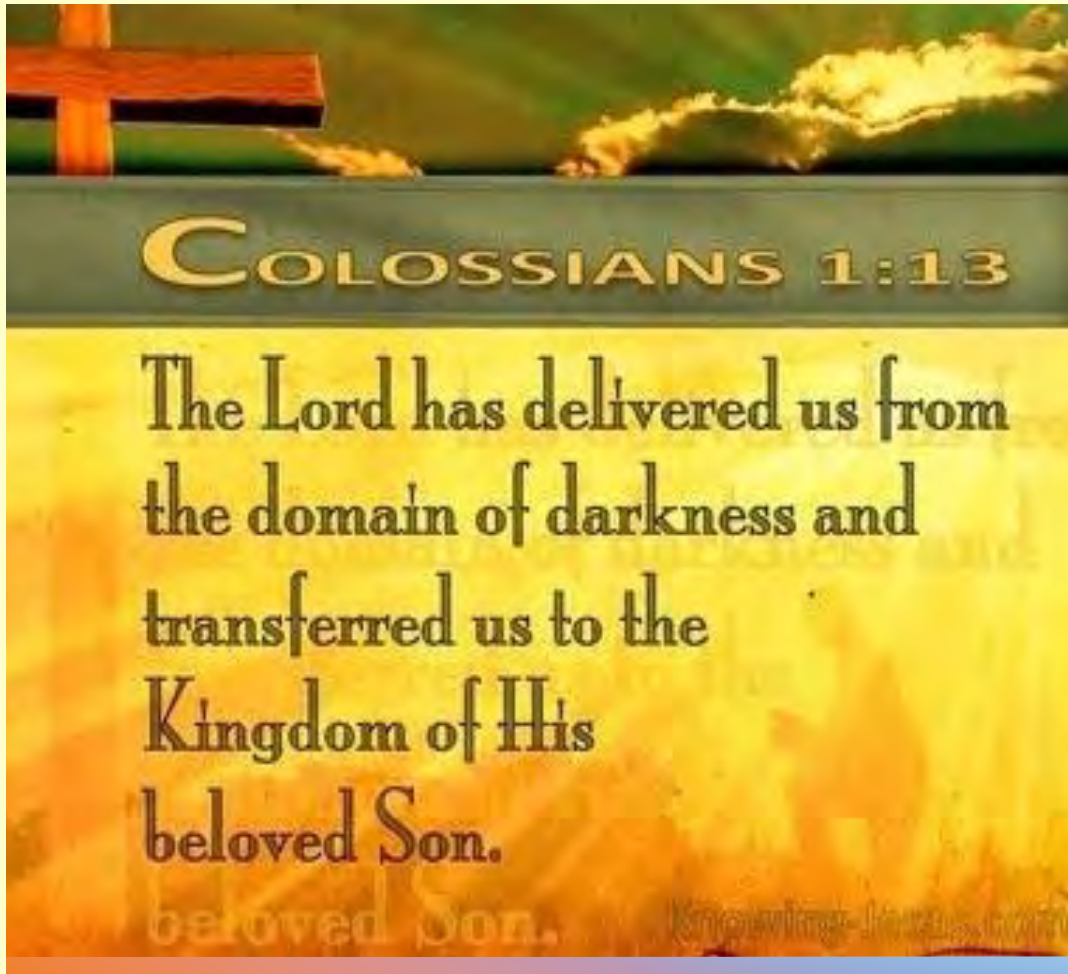


Who Are Taken and Who Are Left?

Matthew 24: 36-44

September 10, 2023



**Delivered = “*ruomai*” =
to draw with force and
violence; to draw out of
danger**



**Who You
Really Are**



YOU ARE A NEW CREATION

Know who you are

Be who you are

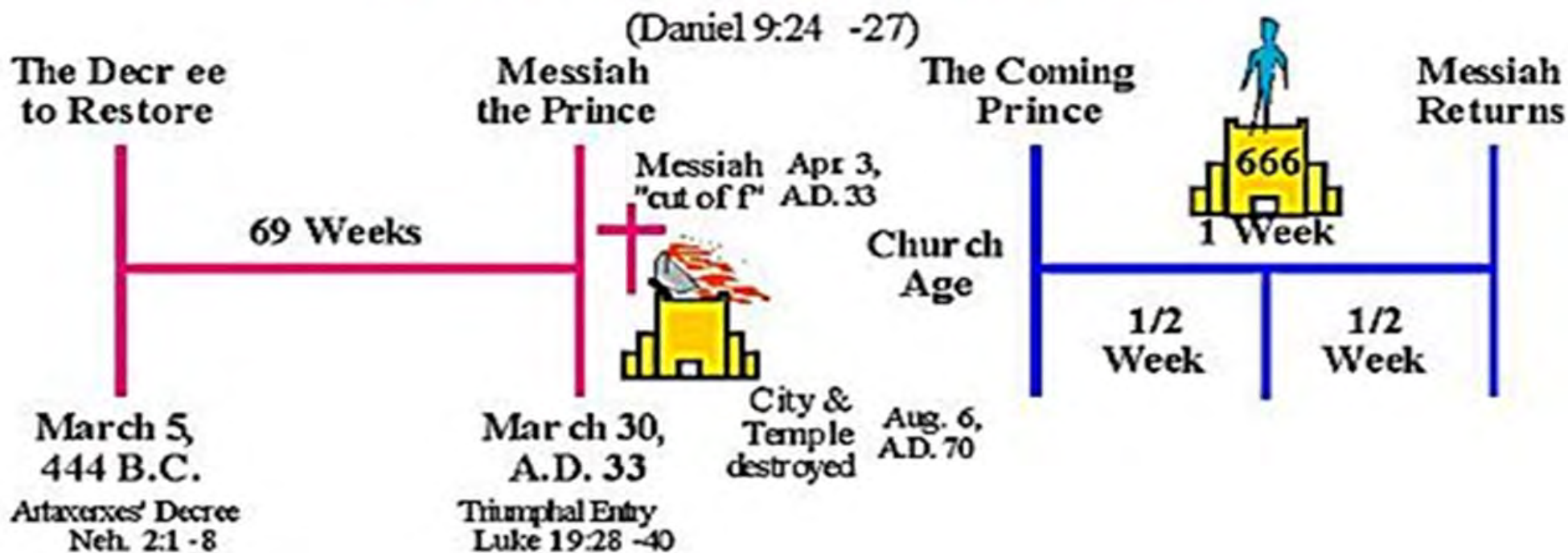
Act like who you are!

Verse 36

What Day and What Hour?

In **Matthew 24: 4-35**, Jesus is speaking to the nation of Israel; the Tribulation and Second Coming are in view

Daniel's Seventy Weeks



Verse 36 – There is a change of focus

“but *of that day and hour no one knows*”

“But” is called a *peri-de* in Greek- usually means a change of subject

In my mind, the day and the hour that is in question speaks of the ***“Rapture of the Church”***

This is not without controversy; the majority view is the ***“Second Coming”*** view

Is the Rapture in Matthew 24?

YES: Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Ed Hindson, Mark Hitchcock, David Regan, Henry Morris

NO: Dwight Pentecost, Stanley Toussaint, Warren Wiersbe, John Walvoord, Andy Woods, Thomas Ice

Verse 37 - 39

**The days of Noah confirms the
Rapture for me**

How were the days of Noah like the days prior to the Rapture?

Before the flood, it was business as usual



“They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

(JUDGMENT)

Life as usual, the daily grind, same-o, same-o

This is *not* how life will be prior to the Second Coming of Messiah

The seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments will decimate the earth, the inhabitants will have PTSD!

There will be no same-o, same-o; there will be shock and awe!

Another thought: The Second Coming is a dateable event – **Daniel 9: 27**

Another thought: The Bride is told to watch and be ready to escape the Tribulation
Luke 21: 36

“Watch, therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

WATCH!

KEEP AWAKE!!

Be alert to what is happening around you!!

**To escape these things, you must be off
the earth > not here > *RAPTURED!!***

Verse 40 - 41

Who are taken and who are left?

Two views:

- 1) Those taken are taken in judgment, the Second Coming is in view
- 2) Those taken are taken to heaven, the Rapture is in view

Verse 42 - 44

End time believer: *Watch and be ready!*

“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming” – vs 42

(Rapture, not Second Coming)

“You also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Rapture) – vs 44

Again, the Rapture no one will know the day or hour; the Second Coming they can know!

The Church is never told to watch for the antichrist, but for ***“THE CHRIST”!***

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Whenever God invades the lives of humans, it is a terrifying event!

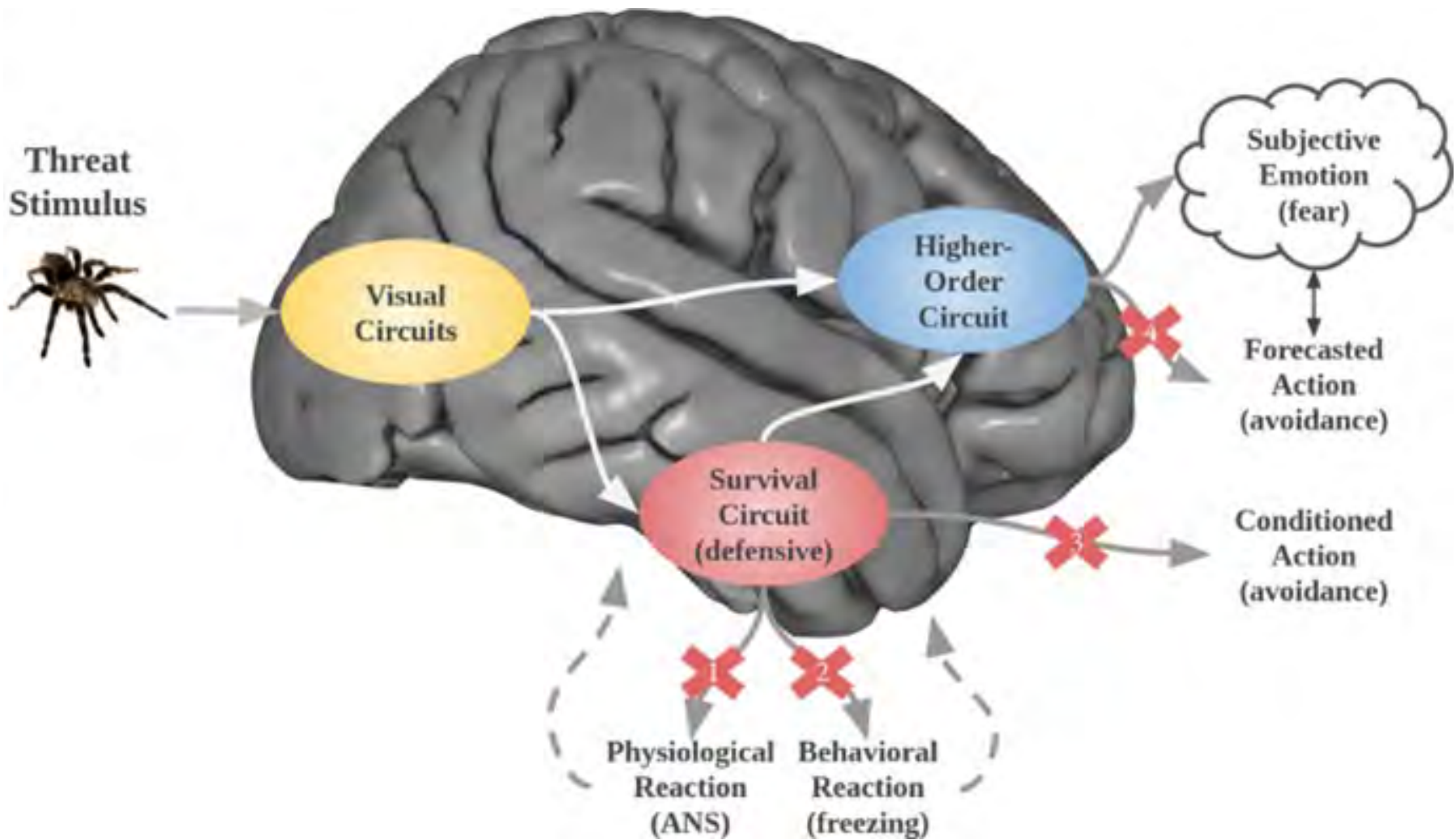
We are all guilty of not seeing God as He is:

Loving – yes

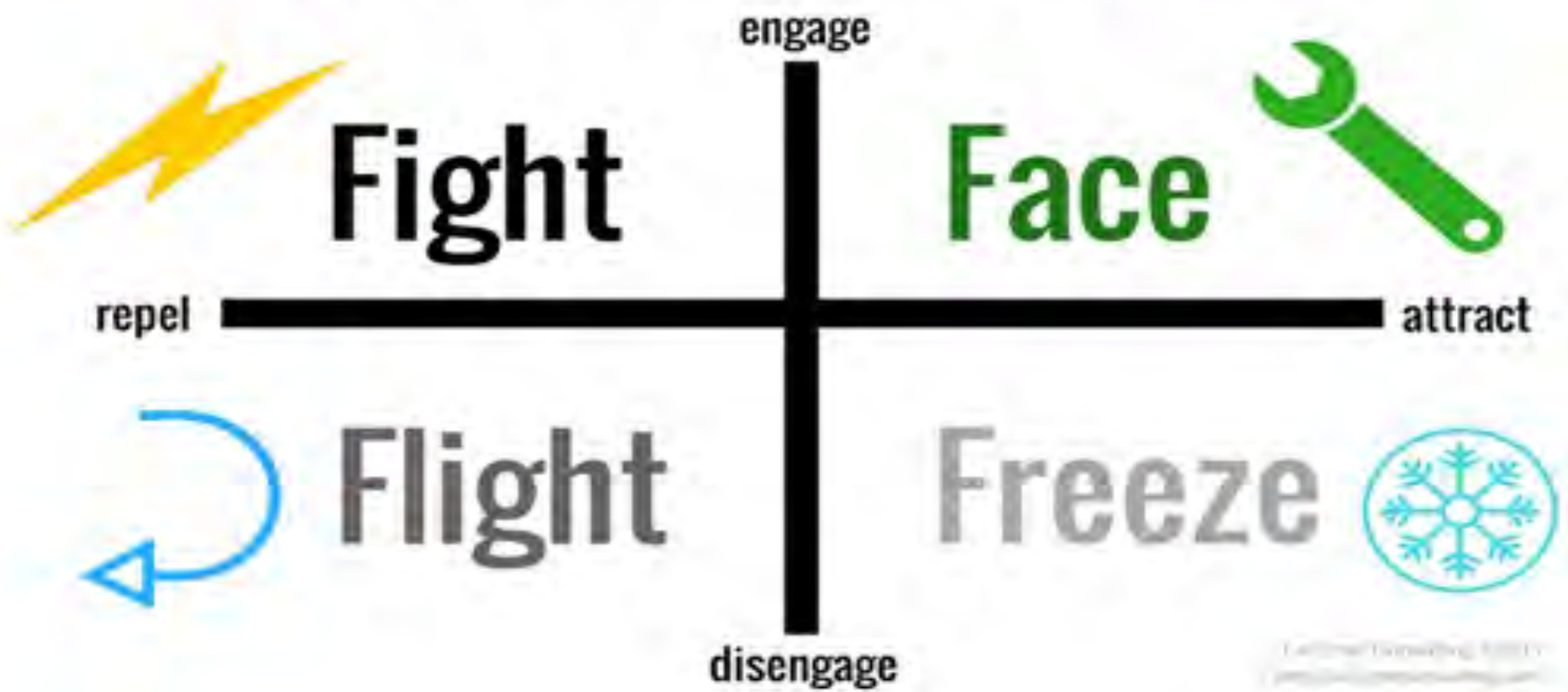
Righteous and Holy – yes

Wrathful – yes

What we are missing in our view of God is the fear and holiness of the LORD!



Grace LaConte's
The 4 Responses to Fear





Defining Fear

Fear – yare' (H3372)

- to fear, be afraid
- to revere, to reverence
- to stand in awe of, be awed
- to honor, to respect

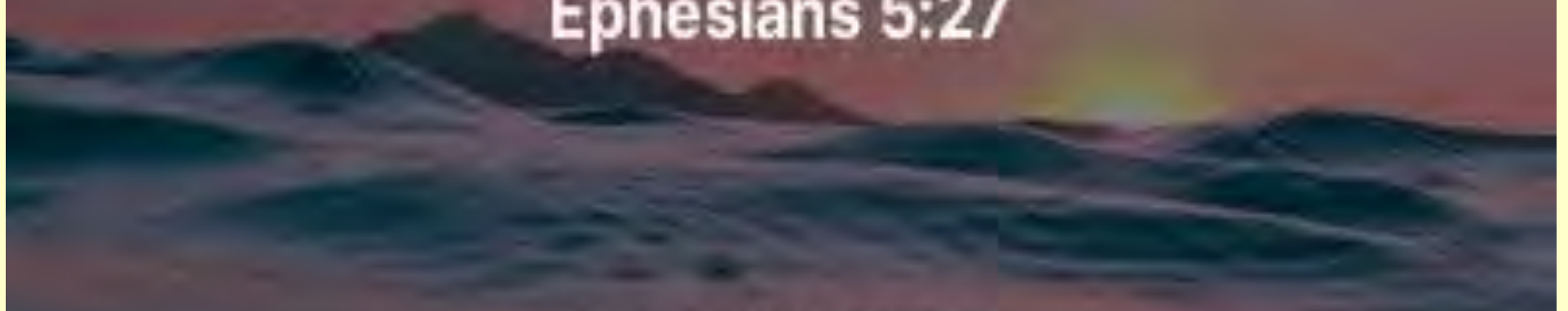
God is pure, abject holiness, a holiness that exceeds our ability to comprehend

The only way we can survive and live in the presence of this holiness is to be changed

**You were changed when you were saved,
*born again!***

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27



TRUTH: It is not about our holiness, but Christ's holiness being credited to us who believe

GOOD NEWS: Those who are holy and blameless (*saved*) will be taken in the Rapture

BAD NEWS: Those not holy and blameless (*lost*) will be taken in judgment

GOOD NEWS: You still have time to believe and receive the gift of salvation today

Who are taken and Who are left?

All I can say is, don't be left behind!

*Don't go through the Tribulation
judgment!*

“Our choice is our own, but the consequences of the choice have already been determined by the sovereign will of God, and from this there is no appeal.” (A.W. Tozer)

A photograph of a person's shadow cast on a light-colored wall. The person is standing on a dark floor, and their shadow is cast to the left. The person's feet are visible on the floor, wearing dark sneakers. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a subtle texture.

“ONE WILL BE TAKEN
& THE OTHER WILL BE LEFT”

WHICH WILL YOU BE??