



Class 6, Wednesday, May 3, 2023

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1. Be a _____ and c _____ because the end is near and we need to pray. (1 Peter 4:7-11)

- a. L _____ .
 - b. Offer h _____ .
 - c. Use your g _____ .
2. Don't be surprised at t _____ and p _____ which Peter calls “fiery ordeals.” (1 Peter 4:12-19)
 - a. Insults in the name of Christ are b _____ .
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 - c. Therefore, we are to c _____ ourselves to God and c _____ .

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1. In the end times, s _____ , so don't forget these truths:
 - a. God already c _____ and d _____ the Earth.
 - b. God's time is d _____ .
 - c. “The Day of the Lord” will come like a t _____ .
2. During the Day of the Lord, all will be d _____ .
3. God will c _____ a new h _____ and a new E _____ where “r _____ d _____ .”
4. Our job is to be s _____ (that's a high standard!) and to look forward to His coming with a _____ and p _____. And since we have been f _____ , we must be on our guard to make sure that we do not f _____ .



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