1) The Bible has a lot to say about the end of this age and the return of Jesus. There are 318 references in the New Testament using a term such as – “The End Times – The End of The Age - The Last Days – The Tribulation – The Day of the Lord – etc.”. No man knows the day or hour but we can read the signs of the times. The conditions in the world currently certainly read like the conditions which will exist in the last days.

 ***Matthew Chapter 24, 2 Timothy 3:1-5***

Read the introduction to the subject and the scriptures. Consider the primary emphasis and the context in which it is presented. Then, answer the questions.

 a) What is God protecting me from?

 b) What is God preparing me for?

 c) How does this specifically apply to my life?

2) Disciples of Jesus will give an account to Him of how they used the time, talents, and resources He entrusted to us. Unbelievers will appear before the Judgment seat of God. Those who have committed their lives to Christ will spend eternity in heaven with Him. Those who choose not to accept God’s offer of reconciliation will spend eternity away from His presence. Notice there is always an offer of mercy linked with the warning of judgment.

 ***John 5:24-30, Matthew 7:15-29,***

***Romans 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10***

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3) The promise of eternal rewards is found in many scriptures. They indicate that this life is preparation for the next life; thus our talents and resources will be used. Jesus promised He will prepare a place for us in Heaven. The scriptural portrayal is that life in God’s presence will be glorious.

 ***Matthew 6:19-21,*** ***Luke 19:11-19***

***John 14:1-7, Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-13***

 a) What do eternal promises inspire me to do now in my everyday life?

 b) What would help me develop an eternal perspective?