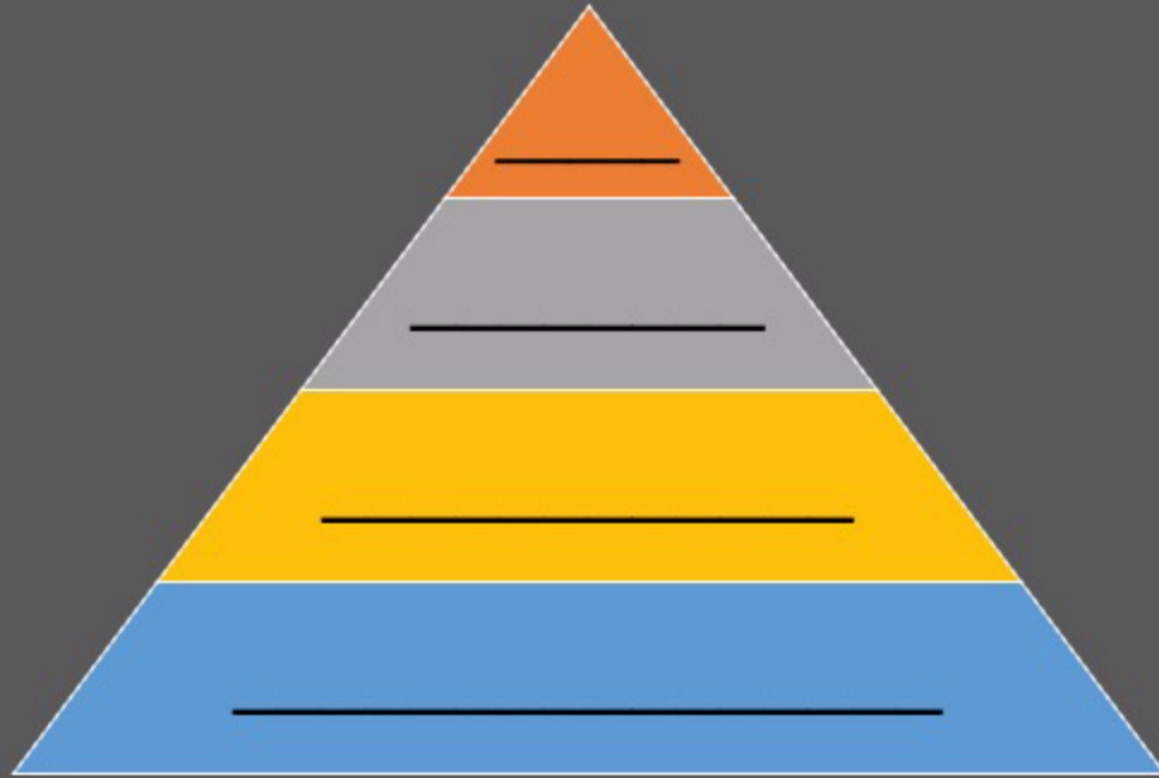
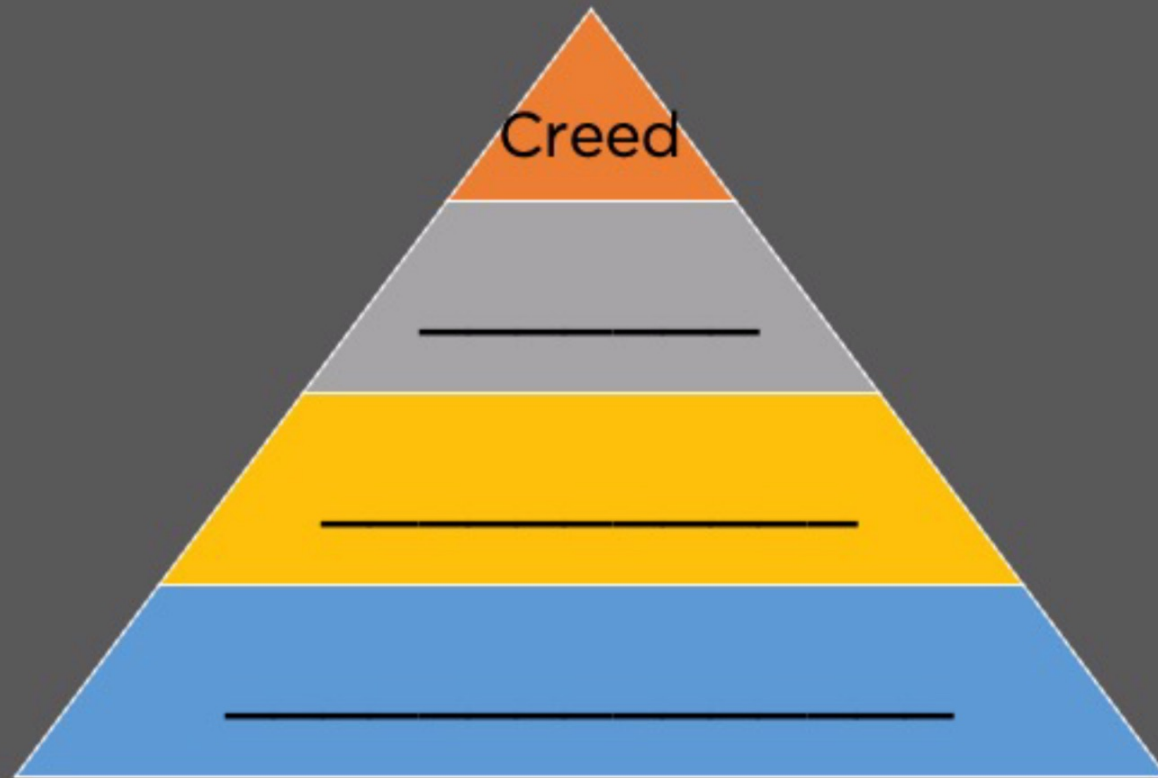
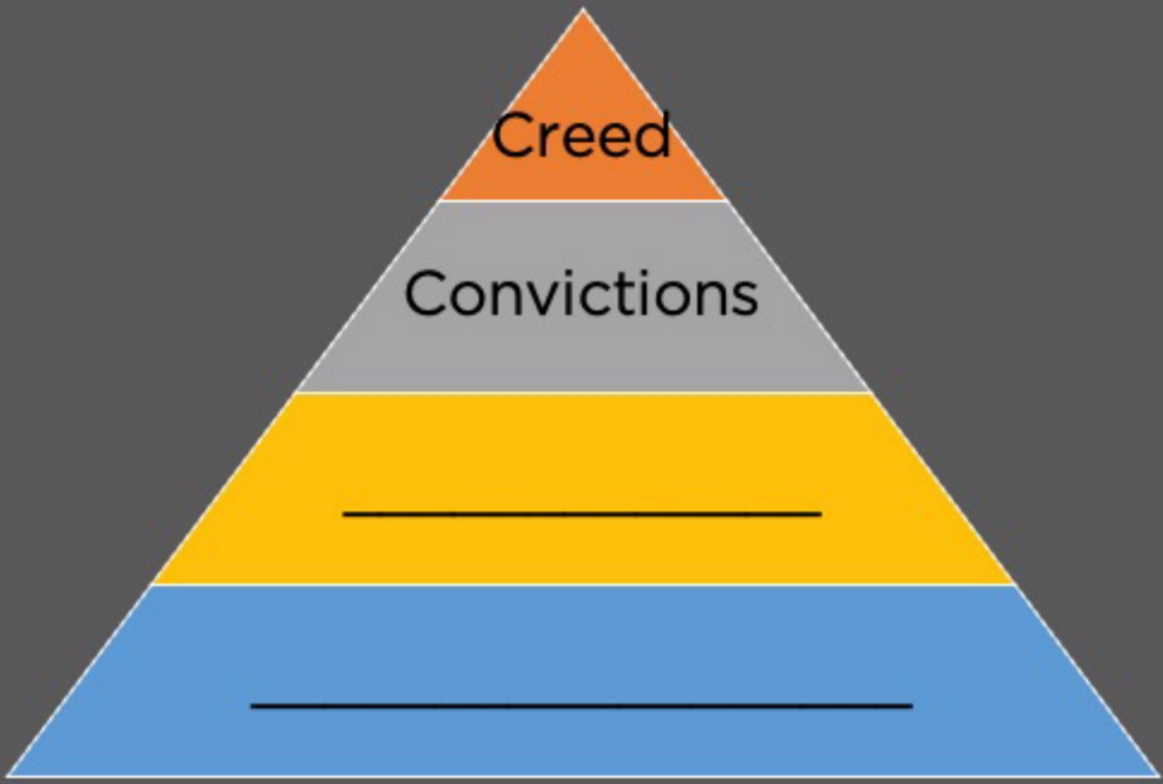


Learning
Matthew 24:32-35

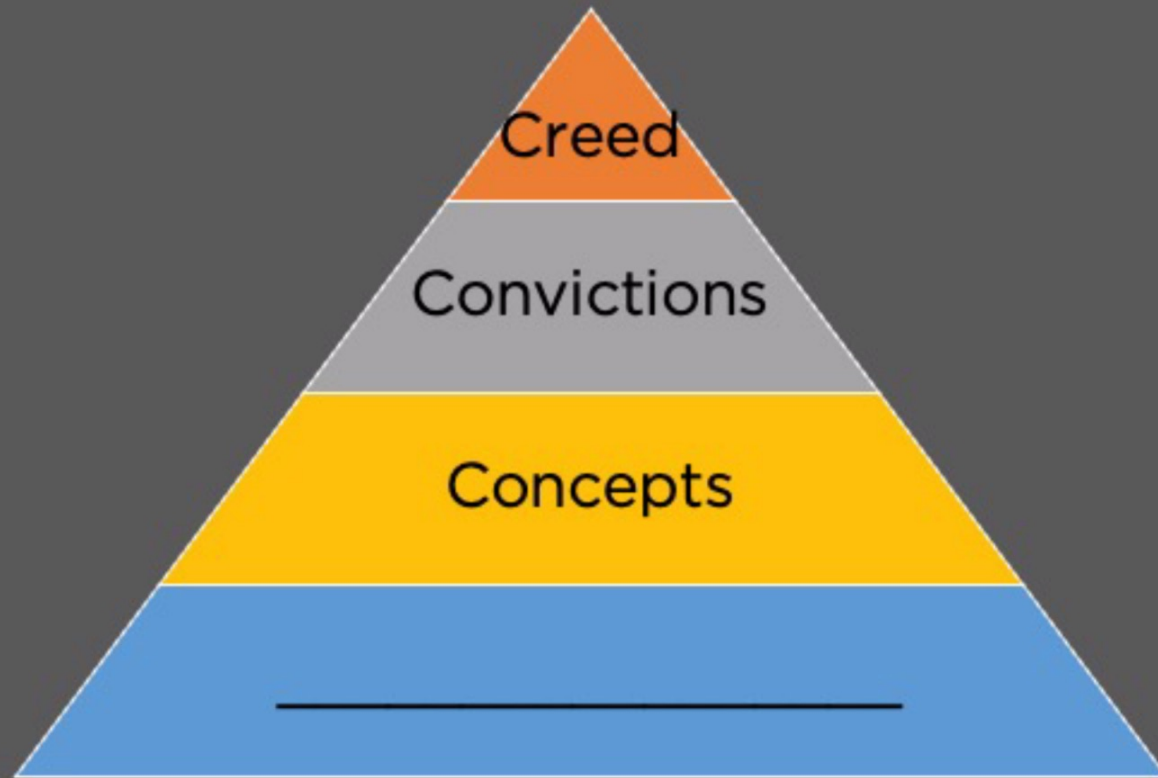


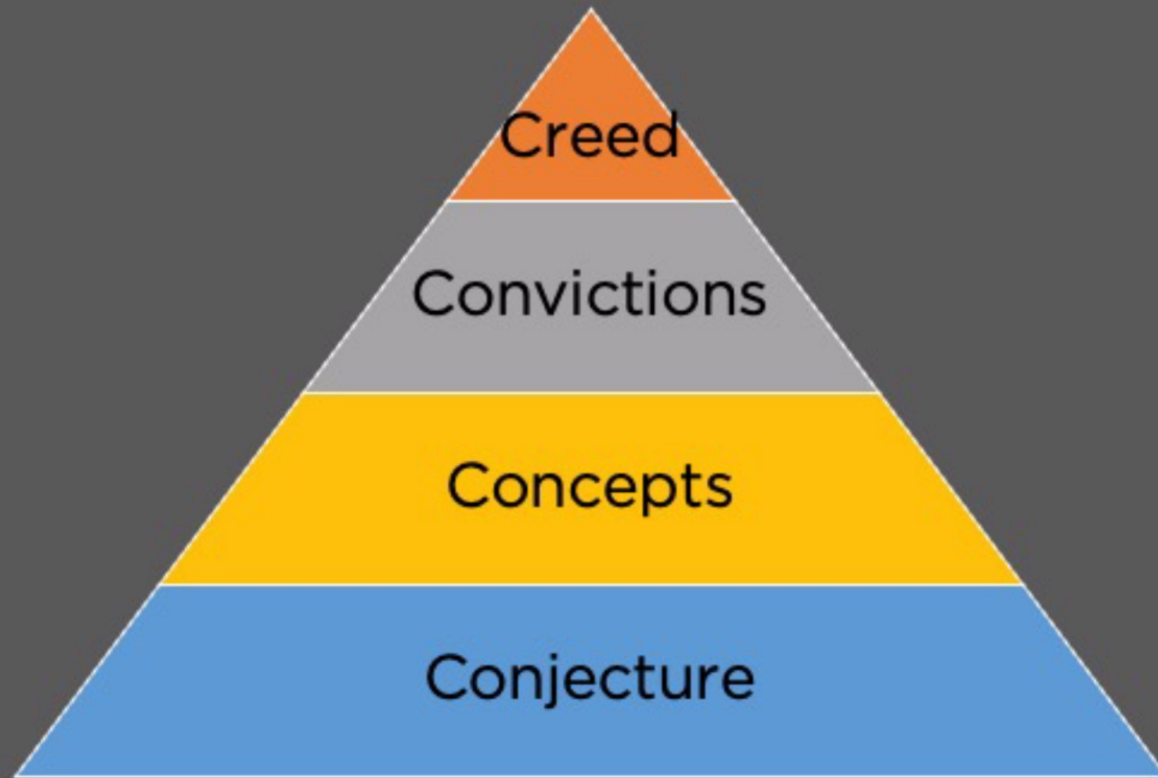




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Convictions





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How valid is this biblical interpretation?

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2. Theological **significance** -

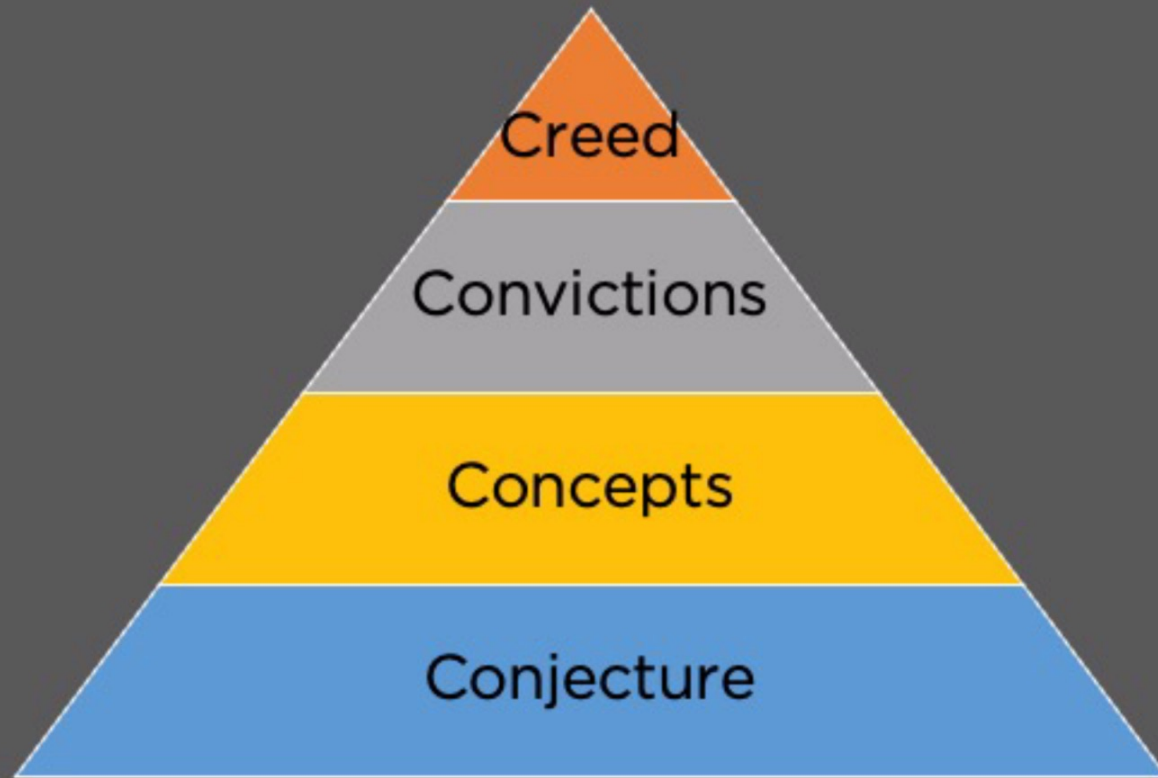
What is the doctrinal weightiness of this?

1. Exegetical certainty -
2. Theological significance -
3. Historical **agreement** -

Have Christian creeds generally agreed?

1. Exegetical certainty -
2. Theological significance -
3. Historical agreement -
4. Biblical **emphasis** -

Is this something the Scripture underscores?



“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:8

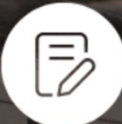
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November 8



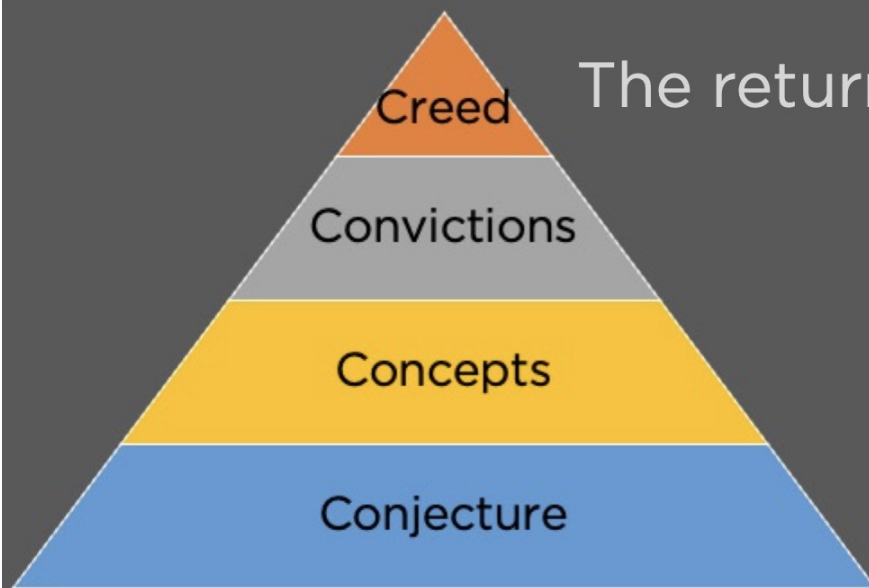
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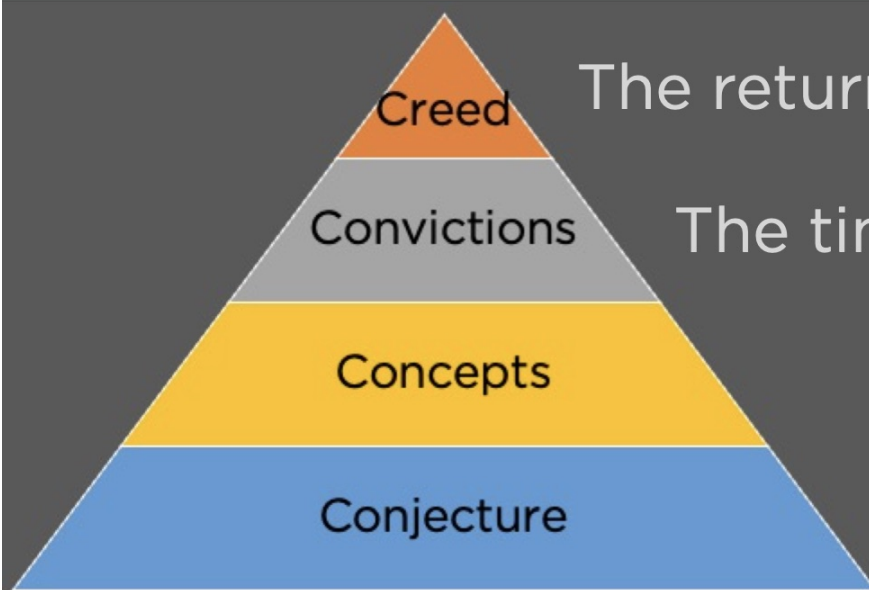


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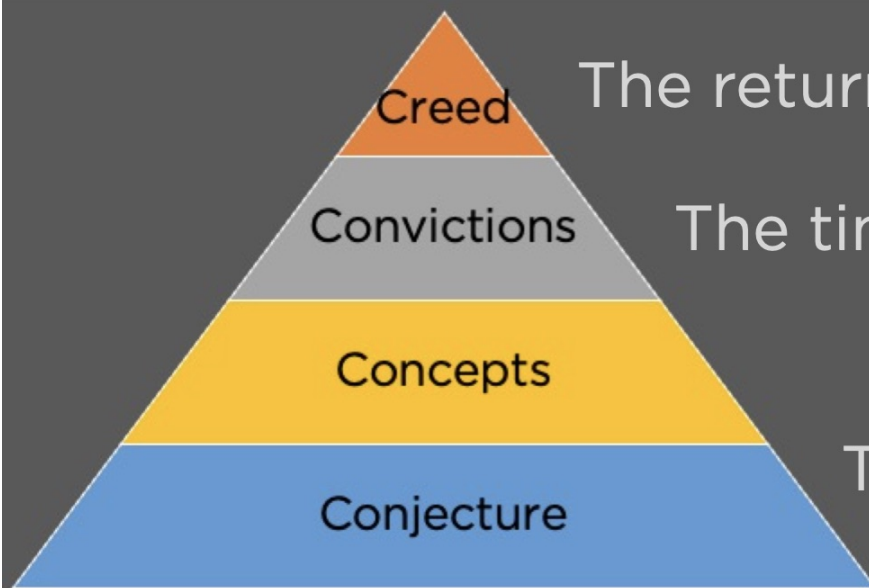
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The timing of Jesus's return?



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The date of Jesus's coming?

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Four Eschatology Essentials

1. Jesus is **coming again.**

2. Believers and unbelievers will experience a future bodily **resurrection**.

3. Heaven and hell are **real destinies**.

4. Jesus **triumphs over all enemies** and delivers the kingdom to his Father.

The Lesson from the Fig Tree

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.

“So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

“Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Matthew 24:32-35

What is the main command?

“manthano” = to increase in knowledge,
understand,
learn by practice

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“mathetes” = disciple, learner

“Take my yoke upon you, and **learn** from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:29

“is not the way you **learned** Christ.”

Ephesians 4:20

“... they **learn** to be idlers” 1 Timothy 5:13

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idlers = those who are idle, sluggish,
workless, inactive



“So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.” (33)

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“all these things” -> he is near

“Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.” (34)

What is this generation?

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A few options

First generation of believers -

First generation of believers -

A kind of person -

First generation of believers -

A kind of person -

A race -

* I believe he is talking about the disciples' generation.

“As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying,

“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Matthew 24:3

Sureness -

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” (35)

How do we respond to Jesus's command to
“learn”?

humility

humility

audacity

humility

audacity

capacity

What shuts down learning?

explosive anger

explosive anger
manipulative behaviors

explosive anger

manipulative behaviors

self-destructive habits

“My bedroom mirror was like the fun house variety. . . . My bony knees nearly as large in circumference as my thighs, two huge knobs connecting brittle sticks.

“When I would raise my arms, I could see every tendon twitch, the clear outlines of bone.

“My shoulder blades stuck out so sharply, it appeared they were on the verge of severing the skin like a knife.

“My face was hollow, and my eyes were underlined by dark circles. I was a vision of death.

“Until suddenly, that same vision would transform. Those same calves and thighs would expand before my very eyes into cellulite-ridden obesity.

“My face blew up as if inflated, and I could see a second chin appearing. The knobby knees looked fat.

Before I knew it, I was downstairs in the living room again, jumping and twisting to the instructions of Jane Fonda, the exhaustion of an hour ago replaced by hyperactivity.

“Then the evening would come. Tim couldn’t even stand to hold me in his arms anymore. . . . He couldn’t bear to feel the sharpness of my bones.

“He’d try to be supportive by nagging, coaxing, or getting angry with me. But nothing worked. His wife was wasting away, and he couldn’t do anything about it.”

Rachel Reiland

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Famines and earthquakes, etc.

“you know that he is near” (33b)

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” (35)

“I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.”

Matthew 12:6

“... You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

Matthew 24:2

“And those who passed by derided him,
wagging their heads and saying,

“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

Matthew 27:39-40

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” (35)

Are you a learner?

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 1:7

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.”

Proverbs 12:15

“A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion.”

Proverbs 18:2

“And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

“For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’

“And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves.

“‘For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’

“And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

“And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.’”

Luke 22:14-20