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4. Unless there is REVIVAL in a society, a turning back to God, that society will become more corrupt over time to the point of failure and collapse under the weight of its own sin.
5. Mrs. Gowans said, *"I would rather have Walter go out to the Sudan and DIE there, all alone, than have him home today, disobeying his Lord."* She understood that it is better to be obedient to Christ and die as a faithful servant than to be disobedient and live in safety.
6. My beloved, if to some extent you are not experiencing persecution and hatred from the world, if you are not despised by those who HATE Christianity, you may very well question whether or not you are modeling Christ.
7. *"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of NOAH, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."* Matthew 24:36-37
8. *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is OLD he will not depart from it."* Proverbs 22:6
9. Other religions have multiple books and they have books to EXPLAIN their books, but Christianity has one Book that contains the inspired words of God. We are to test everything in life by the Bible alone.
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