

RAISE YOUR VOICE

1 PETER 4:7 | ERIC SIMPSON | SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

- **Adjust to the true crisis we are in.**

"The world says, 'If you live as if the end is near, you're crazy.' . . . Do you want to know what the paraphrase of this text is? It could be translated, 'If you don't live as if the end is near, you're crazy. Only if you see the end is near do you get sane.' How could this be? It's really quite simple. If there's a God, if there are moral absolutes, if it's really true; therefore, there will be a reckoning. And if there's going to be a reckoning, to live as if there won't be a reckoning is crazy." – Tim Keller

"Lord, stamp eternity on my eyeballs." – Jonathan Edwards

- **Be alert**

Keep your wits about you.

Don't get caught off-guard.

- **Be of sober mind**

sober-minded = sound judgment, self-control, a calm and collected spirit

- **Pray**

The intensity of our praying must surpass the intensity of the times we are in.

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying...

Hebrews 5:7

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

2 Chronicles 7:14

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.