

LIVING IN THE SHADOW
MARK 13:32-37, / MAY 17, 2017 WED

- I. FIRST, THERE IS THE MYSTERY OF HIS COMING.
 - A. There have been people who declared they knew when Jesus was coming.
 - 1. One of those people was William Miller--April 3, 1843
 - 2. Edgar C. Whisenant Sept. 11 to Sept. 13, 1988.
 - B. Apparently these "Bible Scholars" never read what Jesus said about predicting the time of His Return--13:32, 33b, 35.
 - 1. Jesus says that the time of the Second Coming is a mystery to everyone except God the Father.
 - 2. He also said it was even a mystery to him.
 - C. Matthew's account of this same passage adds a warning--Matt. 24:37-41.
- II. SECOND, THERE IS THE MANDATE ABOUT THE SECOND COMING.
 - A. First, there is the mandate to keep watching.

13:33--"Be on guard".
13:33--"Be alert"
 - B. Second, there is the mandate to keep working.
 - 1. Jesus related a parable at this point to illustrate the importance of working as well as watching--13:34-36.
 - 2. The warning to continue to watch and work is given to all of us--13:37.
- III. THIRD, THERE IS THE MOTIVATION FOR WATCHING AND WORKING UNTIL JESUS RETURNS.
 - A. One motive for watching and working is not to get caught off guard--13:36.
 - B. Another motive for watching and working is faithfulness according to Matthew's account--Matt. 24:45-46.
- A.