



## Midweek Meditation



*“And this Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world...and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14*

“Over the last half a billion years there have been five mass extinctions... Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us.” So says author Elizabeth Kolbert.

*“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” So says God in Genesis 8:22.*

If we take God out of the picture, it's easy to believe the warnings we hear from doomsday prophets. If we believe what God says, we understand that these warnings are being spoken by false prophets because they contradict the clear Word of God. Who do we believe? In Matthew 24 Jesus tells us what we need to know about the end of this world. We will not destroy ourselves. The church will continue to proclaim the Gospel throughout the whole world. Then the end will come; not before. There will always be Christians on earth even until Jesus returns on the Last Day. As Christians living in these gray and latter days, we leave the end of things where it belongs: in God's hands. There is to be a sense of urgency in us. Not in saving our planet, however, but in proclaiming the saving Gospel to those who will listen.

*Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*