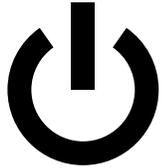


Title: Five Events You Will Face in the Future

Speaker: Randy Smith

Key Verses: 1 Thes. 4:13–18; John 14:1–4; 2 Cor. 5:7, 10; Rom. 14:10; Rev. 19:6–10

Summary: God has revealed a plan for the future we can bank on.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Randy talks about being a planner. Thus, he appreciates the parts of the Bible that give a glimpse of the future. How do you feel about the future?



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the five big events of Randy's talk: **1)** death and/or rapture (for believers); **2)** Bema Seat/Wedding Supper/Tribulation; **3)** Second Coming **4)** Millennial Kingdom (ends in rebellion); **5)** New Creation.



Comment: Take some time to talk

Randy talks about the reality of death. **What makes us avoid this topic? What are evidences that you assume death is a long way off?**

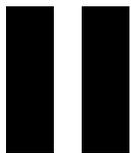
Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18. *What can we know about the rapture? How does Paul intend for us to use this information?*

Read 1 Corinthians 3:12–15. *What does this tell us about God's judgment of our works? How should this inspire our witness?*

Randy offers two purposes for the Tribulation period. **What are they? What does this suggest about the power of Christian influence in the world?**

"Satan doesn't have to get out of bed to ruin your life," Randy explains. **What does this mean? Do we give Satan too much credit?** Explain.

According to Randy, what is the purpose of human history?



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for His control of future events. Thank Him for the promise of new bodies, peaceful relationships, and victory over sin, death, and Satan. Ask Him for patience and diligence in faith until these final days come.



Take Action: Take a step forward

A talk like this likely fuels more questions about End Times. Fortunately, the Bible speaks to End Times events. Unfortunately, these passages can be difficult to interpret. Set aside a few weeks to read through Revelation with a friend. Read slowly. Take notes. Write out your questions. Talk about it.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Randy Smith

Power Track Summary: After our bodies give out, the Bible makes it clear we are not “gone.” There are five things that we are promised by the Lord to experience. Are you ready for your future? This Power Track describes what happens after death.

About the Speaker: Randy Smith is a pastor, teacher, speaker, and regular tour guide leader to Israel and Italy. He founded the Great Commission Bible Institute.

Upcoming Events

1. **Death or Rapture** (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 = captured, caught up)

- a. 93.5% of people who have walked on the earth are dead and part of the earth.
- b. Youth obscures our sense of mortality.
- c. The rapture is the idea that Jesus is coming from heaven to the clouds to gather believers; dead believers will precede living believers as they meet Jesus. Meanwhile the 7-year Tribulation will soon begin on earth.

“There’s no complaint department in heaven.”

2. **Judgment Seat/Wedding Supper**

- a. Bema Seat (= raised place) – Romans 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:12–15; 2 Cor. 5:10
 - i. Every human being gets two judgments (over sin; over works); as a believer, my sin is judged at the cross; Jesus paid for it.
 - ii. What did I do with the life God gave? Am I becoming the me He wants?
- b. Marriage Supper of the Lamb Revelation (19:6-10)

3. **Tribulation** (Revelation 6–19)

- a. God uses Tribulation to win back Israel while the world turns it back on her.
- b. The “snatching up of the church” sets up the second event: The Tribulation
- c. “Tribulation naturally stems from the removal of the moral conscience.”

“When God says he’s going to do something, you can take it to the bank.”

4. **Millennial Kingdom** (Revelation 20)

- a. Jesus returns to earth and sets up a kingdom to illustrate, “This is what I intended.” Nations are judged, Israel enjoys God’s presence.
- b. Satan is bound but resurfaces after 1000 years. Exiled after anticlimactic battle.

“Satan doesn’t have to get out of bed to ruin your life. You can do it yourself. Because your heart is set on rebellion. Surrendering to Jesus is hard.”

5. **A New Heaven and Earth** (Revelation 21–22)

- a. Rebellion is ended; all things are placed under the Jesus’s feet.
- b. “For all eternity you are a trophy of the grace and goodness of God.”
- c. The point of human history is not to save everyone (if so He’s not just). Not to condemn (if so, He’s not loving). The point of human history is this: Know God.