Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today’s topic: MOTIVATED BY HOPE.

1. The promise of Christ’s return (300+ times in NT)
   a) John 14:1-3
   b) Titus 2:11-14
   c) Hebrews 9:27-28
   d) Why is our certain hope in the glorious return of Jesus so important or every Christian?

2. What Jesus taught about His return in glory
   a) Matthew 24:27-31
   b) Revelation 1:7
   c) What revelation did Jesus give to the apostle Paul about His return in glory? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
   d) What confirmation did two angels give regarding the nature of Christ’s return to earth? Acts 1:9-11

3. Longing to know the day and the hour
   a) According to Jesus, what can we know about the time of His return? Matthew 24:29-33
   b) While some have sought to pinpoint the exact date of Christ’s return in glory, what clear revelation did Jesus give to His followers? Matthew 24:36-42

4. William Miller and the Great Disappointment
   a) Who was William Miller, and what conviction did he come to from his study of Bible prophecy?
   c) Some Christians discourage a study of Bible prophecy. What promise did the apostle John give regarding the study of Bible prophecy? Revelation 1:1-3 (See also Daniel 2:45)
   d) Where in Bible prophecy did William Miller discover that something very significant was going to occur in 1844? (Daniel 8:14, Daniel 9:20-27)
   e) How did William Miller interpret the cleansing of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the 2300-day prophecy?
   f) What the result of his preaching? (revival and a Great Disappointment)

5. Lessons learned from the Great Disappointment
   a) Was Miller mistaken about the certainty of Christ’s return in glory? (give biblical support for your answer)
   b) Rather than try to pinpoint a date for Christ’s return, what lesson should we learn from Jesus? Matthew 24:43-44
   c) What changes are you convicted to make in your life in preparation for the glorious return of Jesus?