

# Ready and Waiting!

Sunday Morning, November 1, 2015

## Thesis:

Nobody Knows When Christ Will Come Back.  
Are You Ready and Waiting Joyfully for Jesus to Come?

## Introduction:

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### I. Are You Ready and Waiting for Jesus to Come? (Luke 12: 35 – 36)

35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning;  
36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

- † Preparation - "Be Dressed and Ready"
- † Be Clothed in Righteousness
- † Saved and Walking in Righteousness
- † Be Actively Girded or Serving

### (Romans 12: 1 – 2)

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

## Maintenance –

- † Keep Your Lamps Burning
- † Tend to Your Witness As A Light Representing Christ
- † Keep That Which is Burned Up or of No Use Cut or Trimmed From Your Life
- † Keep Your Life Ready, In Order and Faithful to Meet Christ, the Messiah, When He Comes

Expectation - "and be like men waiting for their master."

A servant who is ready, eagerly awaits for the master to return.

## Note:

In this parable, Jesus did not specifically say that the master himself was married, but only that he attended the wedding. If Believers in Jesus are in good standing (i.e., a clear conscience) with God, then they joyfully look forward to Jesus coming, whether at the Rapture of His church or at His 2nd Coming at the end of the Great Tribulation period.

## II. A Tremendous Blessing Awaits Those Who Are Ready and Waiting for Christ, the Messiah's Return!

**(Luke 12: 37 – 38)**

37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

38 And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

A servant who is watching for Christ to come has their life prioritized and focused from a Biblical and spiritual perspective.

**(Colossians 1:9)**

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Faithful Believers in Jesus Will Be Served  
or Honored by Him!

Example:

He washed the Disciples Feet

He cooked breakfast on the seashore for His Disciples.

## III. Warning to Those Who Are Not Ready and Waiting For the Lord

**(Luke 12: 39 – 40)**

39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Before in the parable-  
Jesus blesses those who were watching for Him

Now Jesus warns that He will come as a thief for those who are not ready

Some believe that when He comes they will be robbed of life's fulfillments.

They believe if the prophecy of Christ and His return is true, then judgment will come as a result.

**(Revelation 16:15)**

“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

**Conclusion:**

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