

Even So, Come #6– Ready!
Matthew 24:42-44

Next week: Times and Trends

Today – “Be ye also ready”.

Are YOU ready?

“I’m ready!”

Paul- 2 Timothy 4:6- “I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.”

Vs. 8 – “love his appearing”

Jesus- “Be ready!” - over and over – Ready!

Repeat - “I’m ready!”

One of the best things we can do in any relationship is

1. To Recognize the 2nd law of thermodynamics in relationships! **Things left to themselves tend to run down, fall apart**

2. To evaluate and re-engage

Invest – daily!

3. To be aware of the blessings of doing so... and the dangers of not doing so!

Last week- we looked at several factors that negatively affect our walk with the Lord-

Distance

Delay

Distraction

Deception

The Lord several times – over and over- repeated not only the prophecy but the pointed emphasis on Choices and Consequences.

To Whom Is He Speaking?

Them?

Saved. Servants. Church

Even more so - Me!

Were they working for a relationship, or from one?

Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?! Are you in a relationship with Him? Does He know you and do you know Him?!

Those who are children of God –

DO OUR CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES?

Can I be saved, and not act like it? Live like it?

Marriage-

- Can I be married, and not act like it or live accordingly?
- Distinction – Marriages can end; our relationship with Jesus can't!!!!

In the last times, there will be a massive disconnect –

“I am saved, so I can do what I want, live as I want...”

Smorgasbord, consumer mindset...

Jesus –

- NO!
- I love you too much to let you drift into danger and miss the wonder of loving and living with me in those last days!!

Living – Ready!

So, let's take a look into the crystal ball of prophecy and see reflections...

- ***What are the instructions (responsibilities, expectations)?***
- ***What are the attitudes?***
- ***What are the actions?***
- ***How does it work out?***

Be aware.

Be warned.

Be engaged!

Ready?!

I. Simple Parable – Sign.

Matthew 24:32-35 – Fig tree.

Luke 21:28- “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh”

II. Staggering Event. 24:36- “that day and hour”

III. Sobering Encouragements. Vs. 42+

A. Directions – Counsel:

“Watch” – Looking!

“Be ye also ready”

“The Son of man cometh” – Prophetic answer!

The question: Matthew 24:32-51

45. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46. Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find ***so doing...***

- Relationship
- Criteria/emphasis
 - *“faithful”*
 - *“wise”*
 - *“so doing”*

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Hebrews 10:25, 35-39

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Matthew 25:1-10

Matthew 25:14-30

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Luke 12:40-48

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Luke 21:34-36

New Testament writers –

- Titus 2:11-15
- **Hebrews 10:25-39**
- 1 Peter 4:7-8
- 2 Peter 3
- Revelation 1:3; 3:3, 10-11

"I'm ready!"

- **Ready to live!**
- **Ready to love!**
- **Ready to leave!**

If not... NOW!