

The Gospel of Luke: We Are Living on Borrowed Time; part3

Be Ready for His Return (Lk12:35-48)

1. Be Ready: You Don't Know When Christ is Coming (vs.35-40)

A. It is _____ He is Coming (vs.40a)

1. Jesus is coming! **Dan 7:13-14; Mk 2:10,28; Mk 14:61-62*

2. This certainty is our motivation for how we live! **Luke 9:23-26; Matt 16:24-27*

B. It is _____ when He is Coming (vs.40b)

*The Point is **NOT** to figure out the day but to **Be Ready!** **2Pe 3:3-12*

C. 4 examples to be _____

1. Be dressed in readiness (vs.35a) *pull in the loose ends of your life

**Ex.* Roman soldier in Eph6; Passover in Egypt

2. Keep your lamps lit (vs.35b) *be alert, aware and prepared; Rom 13:11-14

**10 virgins* – 5 wise and 5 unwise

3. The Wedding (vs.36-38) *always be prepared at all times; wedding dates general time frame

**wedding* could last a week or more; slaves were to always be ready to open door, even in 3rd watch – 12am-3am!

4. The Thief (vs.39-40) *don't know the time, Christ will come when you don't expect it!

**1Thes 5:2-6; Rev 3:3; Rev 16:15*

2. Be Ready: There is a Day of Reckoning When Christ Comes (vs.41-48)

A. How do you handle what Christ has _____ to you?

1. The sensible slave – he is focused on the Master's _____ (vs.41-44)

**1Cor 4:1-2; Rom 8:16-18; 2Cor 4:16-18 – focus is on what is eternal!*

*Great blessing from God for he is always about the work of the Master

*He is ready when He returns

2. The unsensible slave – he is _____ (vs.45-46)

*Severe condemnation from God *He is not ready when Christ returns

B. To whom much is given, _____ is required (vs.47-48)

1. We will give an account to God based on what we have and what we know (wealth/Bibles)

**Matt 25:19-21, 24-28* – Reward vs. Judgment based on how we live **Eccl 12:6, 13-14*

2. 3 levels of judgment: hacking... many lashes... few lashes

3. **The Story of the 3 demons...**

C. How do we get ourselves ready to see Jesus?

1. Abandon hypocrisy and greed: **fear God** not man (vs.5); **trust God**, be a _____ and live your life with all He gives you for His kingdom! Store treasures in heaven! (vs.30-34)

2. Live for Christ's kingdom (vs.19-21)