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at once, 'A shower is coming. 'And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat, 'and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? "And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."

#### I. Waiting for the Master's Return (vs. 35-40)

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#### II. Punishment and Reward at His Return (vs. 41-48)

Luke 12:41-48

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Faithful: To believe AND live as if you believe the master will return.

Unfaithful: To believe and live as if you believe that the master will NOT return or you know when he will return.

Titus 2:13

“waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...”

### III. Jesus Brings Division (vs. 49-53)

Luke 12:49-53

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### IV. Failure to Understand the Times (vs. 54-59)

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Luke 4:18–19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”