

✓ Sonship: Prepare for Jesus Coming

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I. The Return of Jesus

1. Our Great Hope: The Return of Christ

- [Mat 16:24](#) Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
[Mat 16:25](#) For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
[Mat 16:26](#) For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
[Mat 16:27](#) For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
[Mat 16:28](#) Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

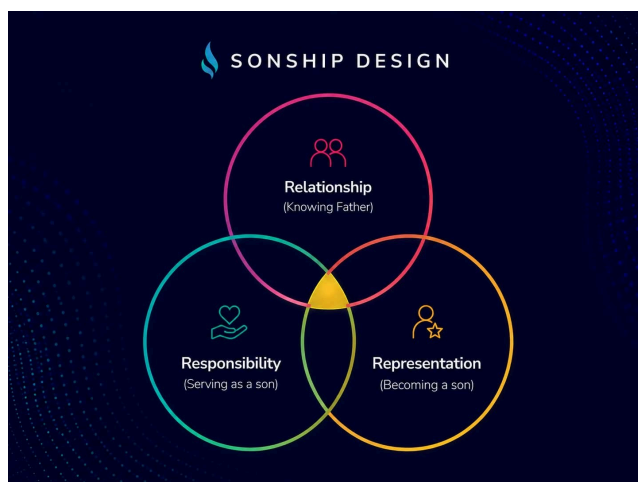
- Insights:
- All the Bible points to the Coming of Jesus ...hundreds of prophecies of His Coming
 - The Bible also speaks continually of the Return of Christ...Our Great Hope
- Jesus taught on the Kingdom of God...Now and Not Yet
 - Kingdom Now: Jesus begins his reign in our heart
 - Kingdom to Come: Jesus returns in Power to Rule the Earth
- The three Annual Feasts of Israel point to the Return of Christ in power and to a Great Harvest

2. What does the Truth of Jesus coming Produce?

- [1Jn 3:1](#) Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
[1Jn 3:2](#) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.
[1Jn 3:3](#) And **everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure
- The Truth of Jesus Return Produces:
 1. **Expectation:** Produces in us Expectation and Hope
 2. **Purity:** Purifies our hearts
 3. **Passion:** Returns us to our First Love
 4. **Reverence:** Restores the Fear of God
 5. **Perseverance** Willingness to endure difficulties and hardships

3. All of Creation Awaits the Revealing of God's Sons

- [Rom 8:18](#) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
[Rom 8:19](#) For the **earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God**.



II. The Key Functions of a Son

1. What is a Son?

- **NT:**
- [Rom 8:14](#) *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
 - Sons are people joined to the Spirit of God and surrender to be led by Him
- **OT: Son.....Ben ...one who builds the Fathers House**
 - Picture: Seed and Tent
- **A Son is the seed or offspring of the Father who carries his DNA or nature, acts as a representative of his Father, and builds the House of the Father**
- **Jesus is the Pattern Son...the model of what the Father is growing**
 - The Church is the House of the Father (Mt.16:18, 1 Tim.3:15)
 - Every believer has been born into the family of God to serve their father
 - Jesus is the Pattern son that we fix our eyes on (Heb.12:2)

2. Sonship Design

- **Key Passage:**

[Jhn 17:3](#) *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

[Jhn 17:4](#) *I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*

[Jhn 17:5](#) *And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*

[Jhn 17:6](#) *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word*

1. Relationship.(Knowing Father)

- [Jhn 17:3](#) *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*
 - Eternal Life is a relationship
 - We receive that relationship when we believe and receive Jesus Christ
 - The Spirit of God enters us and we become the House of God
 - Relationship must continue to grow or we stagnate
- **Key Aspects of Relationship**
 - Prayer
 - Worship
 - Surrender
 - Hearing and obeying His Voice
 - Study of the Word of God
- **The Local Church is responsible to:**
 - Build an atmosphere of prayer and worship where people encounter God
 - Teach people how to cultivate a personal relationship with God
 - Teach people how to study the Bible and hear the voice of God
 - Teach the ways of the Kingdom

2. Responsibility.(What I am Doing)

- [Jhn 17:4](#) *I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*
 - All Sons are called to serve their Father
 - We Honour Father not just with words but by Serving Father
 - Serving and honour are foundations of the nature of the Kingdom of God
- **Key Aspects of Serving**
 - Heart Willingness to add value to people
 - Embracing the Assignment our Father has given
 - Faithfulness to our assignment
 - Openness to receive Feedback
 - Commitment to the Harvest of Souls and building the Church
- **The Local Church is Responsible to:**
 - Teach people the value of serving and faithfulness
 - Provide opportunities for serving and being productive
 - Provide training and feedback for growth

3. Representation (Who I am Becoming)

- [Jhn 17:6](#) *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word*

- To manifest the name means to reveal the nature or represent
- All sons are called to represent their Father
- To represent Father we need to know Him and embrace personal formation
- **Key Aspects of Representation**
 - Inner Healing
 - Deliverance
 - Heart and Character Formation
 - Treating People as Jesus would treat them
- **The Local Church is responsible to:**
 - Teach the importance of heart and character development
 - Provide opportunities for healing and deliverance
 - Build a culture of growth where failure is not shamed

III. **EndTime Instruction of Jesus :**

1. **Watch and Pray**

- [Mrk 13:32](#) *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*
[Mrk 13:33](#) *Take heed, **watch and pray**; for you do not know when the time is.*
[Mrk 13:37](#) *And what I say to you, **I say to all: Watch!**"*
 - Watch.....to be awake, vigilant, attentive
 - Pray.....build a strong intimate life with God
- A strong prayer life develops spiritual strength, capacity and sensitivity to Holy Spirit

2. **Be Ready**

- [Mat 24:44](#) *Therefore you also **be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*
 - Ready...to be prepared to receive a someone who is coming
- Being ready means living life in expectation of the imminent return of our King
 - It means planning as if it will not happen in our lifetime but living as if His return is imminent
 - It means being attentive to our spiritual condition and service

III. **How do we Prepare for His Coming?**

1. **Key Parables on Being Ready (Matt.24-25)**

- Parables are stories with a spiritual truth or application

○ **Common Features of the Three Parables**

1. **The Need to Prepare**

- The Context is "being ready for the Coming of Christ"
- Each person is given opportunity to prepare
- Preparation involves a distinct aspect of our Sonship Identity and Calling

2. **Wisdom and Foolishness**

- There are wise and foolish in each parable
- Wisdom is revealed by preparation.
- Foolishness by failure to prepare

3. **Reward and Loss**

- The Wise who prepared received valuable reward
- The Foolish who failed to prepare experienced painful loss
- More is said about the foolish one, the one who did not prepare
- Jesus uses each parable to reinforce His warning to prepare
- "Don't be that guy"

2. **Purity and Character Formation (Mt.24)**

○ **The Necessity of Purity and Holiness**

○ **The Wise Servant**

- [Mat 24:45](#) *"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"*

[Mat 24:46](#) *Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.*

[Mat 24:47](#) *Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.*

○ **The Foolish Servant**

[Mat 24:48](#) *But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'*

Mat 24:49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

Mat 24:50 the master of that servant will come on a **day when he is not looking** for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,

○ **Key Insights**

- Guard your heart condition. You are responsible for it
- Lack of Spiritual Expectation and hunger leads to spiritual decline
- Heart condition is manifested in how treat fellow believers
- Heart condition is seen in compromise of purity
- Lack of holiness and purity leads to spiritual insensitivity and loss

○ **Which are you?**

- The Wise who prepared? Or The Foolish who failed to prepare?

3. **Intimacy and Prayer (Mt.25)**

○ **The Necessity of Oil...being filled with Holy Spirit**

- Mat 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom."
- Mat 25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"
- Mat 25:8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
- Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

○ **The Wise Virgins**

- Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.**

○ **The Foolish Virgins**

- Mat 25:11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'"
- Mat 25:12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
- Mat 25:13 "**Watch therefore**, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

○ **Key Insights**

- Guard and cultivate your personal prayer life
- Prayer and pursuit of God leads to fresh oil
- Oil flows when olives are **crushed**
- You cant borrow from others . You must develop your own life with God and perseverance through adversity
- There is a price to pay for fresh oil of Holy Spirit
 - Prayer
 - Obedience
 - Surrender to His work
 - Perseverance
- Fresh encounters with Holy Spirit and obedience to Him are essential to remaining filled with Fresh oil

○ **Which are you?**

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4. **Productive Serving (Mt.25)**

○ **The Necessity of Faithfully Serving**

- Mat 25:14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them."
- **The Expectation:** Occupy-Do Business till I come! (Lk.19:13)
- Mat 25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

○ **The Wise Servant**

- Mat 25:20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'"
- Mat 25:21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

○ **The Foolish Servant**

- Mat 25:25 And I was **afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground.** Look, there you have what is yours.'

○ **Key Insights:**

- The work of God is building the Church and the Global Harvest
- Every believer is expected to be productive, to contribute to the work of God

- Productive service:
 - Faithfulness
 - Right motivation
 - Giving your best
 - Perseverance
 - There is reward for being productive and loss for burying talent
- Which are you?
- **The Wise who prepared? Or The Foolish who failed to prepare?**

V. Application

1. Salvation
2. Freedom