

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 12:35-40

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“WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN” – PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Rapture, Watching, Waiting, Faithfulness, Endurance

Out of the 27 Books of the New Testament, All but 4
Teach the Return of Jesus Christ

In What is Called Biblical Eschatology;

1 out of every 25 verses of the New Testament refers to Jesus Christ and His Coming Back to Earth either in The Rapture of the Church or His Second Coming to the Earth.

Luke 18:8

and when the Son of Man returns, will He really find faith on the earth?”

Luke 12:35-40

“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**. :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. :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**.”

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

1.) Returning for those who are waiting v.35-36

1a.) Waiting earnestly v.35

Waiting with Great Intensity and Care

“Let your **waist** be **girded** and *your lamps burning*;

This is a Powerful Picture.

in the east, men wore long flowing robes and around their waist was a belt whereby they could tuck up the lower part of the garment so as to allow their legs to be free to both run or to labor.

if you saw a man with his robe “girded”

he would be involved in something of **great importance**.

and *your lamps burning*;

and if you saw a man with his lamp “burning”

he would be a man that was busy about **an urgent task**

This Looks Like a Thomas Kinkade Painting

the warmth, the glow, the expectancy, the welcome

of a house illuminated in the night and through the night.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and rest *your hope* fully upon **the grace** that is to be brought to you **at the revelation of Jesus Christ**;

Ephesians 6:14

Stand therefore, having **girded** your waist with truth,

RETURNING FOR THOSE WHO ARE WAITING

1b.) Waiting effectively v.36a

Waiting with Great Purpose and Meaning

:36a and you yourselves **be like men who wait** for their master,
when he will return from the wedding...

these servants were to maintain their normal duties

but if the master had gone away, they were to be doubly sure to have their duties done **and** their eyes ready to greet the master when he returned.

staying busy at the task at hand - the “getting” of the job done.

the finishing or completing what needed to get done.

Waiting “Effectively” *means doing what you’re to be doing*

Matthew 24:46-47

Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. **:47**
Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

RETURNING FOR THOSE WHO ARE WAITING

1c.) Waiting expectantly

v.36b

Waiting with Great Anticipation and Hope

:36b that when he comes and knocks
they may open to him **immediately**.

immediately *eujqe+wß eutheos, yoo-theh´-oce*; directly, at once,
the old English word was “straight-a-way.”

The Knock and the Door Opening
will be the one and same movement.

ex·pec·tantly adj (as being pregnant with child)

- being aware that something is about to happen
- expecting the birth of a baby or the arrival of an event
- expecting something that will bring blessings or wealth
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we are to be “pregnant” with waiting

Romans 8:25

regarding His appearing...
“we eagerly **wait** for *it* with **perseverance.**”

So Important Was This Doctrine to the Apostle Paul

that he made it a key point in the discipleship of the believers at Thessalonica

There are five (5) chapters in 1 Thessalonians and in each one he stressed the doctrine of imminency - that Jesus was coming at any moment, again!

1 Thessalonians 1:10

wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the **wrath** to come

ojrgh/ orge, *or-gay*’;

the divine wrath, anger, indignation, vengeance, of God

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ **at His coming?**

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.**

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up** together with them in the cloud to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to **wrath**,
but **to obtain salvation** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

2.) Returning for those who are watching v.37-38

2a.) Watching while working v.37a

Watching with a Focused Determination

:37a Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find **watching**.

“Blessed” are those servants
Very Happy, Well Off, Elated, Joyful

Matthew 25:7-13

Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. **:8** And the foolish said to the wise, “Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ **: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 **: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. **:11** “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ **:12** But he answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ **:13** “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

2b.) Watching while worshipping v.37b

Watching with a Focused Adoration

:37b Assuredly, I say to you that he will **gird** himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them.

Jesus is Going To Reward...

All Those Who Have Faithfully as Exhibited by Their Waiting.

Revelation 22:12-13

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me**, to give to every one according to his work. **:13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*, the First and the Last.”

He will have them to be seated,

He will then wash their feet and hands and then serve them the best of food.

It’s hard for us poor and lowly paupers of this world to imagine the Lord Jesus Christ serving us, but that is exactly what He was showing us in that Upper room 2,000 years ago.

He Will Do It Again – And He Will Do It to You and Me Together!

Imagine Ahead With Me;

Perfect Jesus, God Incarnate, Approaches You With Gratitude Upon His Face.
“you remembered Me, you stayed faithful to Me, you never gave up,
you looked for Me, you waited for Me.”

It’s at That Moment Zephaniah 3:17 will be Fulfilled

“The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will **rejoice** over you with shouts of joy.

Revelation 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” :17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Matthew 8:11

And I say to you that **many will come** from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

RETURNING FOR THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING

2c.) Watching while wondering

v.38

Watching with a Focused Endurance

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

Church – It Gives Me **Great Pleasure to Tell You This!**

The Word “**blessed**” Here is the Word;
makaꝛrioß makarios, *mac-r-ee-os*;
supremely happy, overwhelmingly fortunate, happiest

**This second and third watch,
IS A POWERFUL ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL OF US.**

This “Second Watch” or the “Third Watch”
has in its meaning an all encompassing exhortation to Watch by the hour and by the day, by the month, by the year, by the decade and by the century and on until He appears! – **here’s the good news for us...**

The Later It Gets, The Longer It Takes for Jesus to Return,
the most blessed, the happiest, the greater the reward for those who wait.

1 Peter 1:3-8

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **:4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, **:5** who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, **:7** that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **:8 whom having not seen you love**. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, = **His coming back!!!**

Mark 13:33-37

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. **:34** *It is* like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to **watch**. **:35 Watch therefore**, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— **:36** lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. **:37** And what I say to you, I say to all: **Watch!**”

All of Us - Having Waited Till November 25, 2007

The Longer the Servant waits, the Better Off he will be. Why?
because the longer you wait the harder it is keep on waiting, and waiting...

We Wonder, **When** Will It Be and **What** Will It Be Like?
(it could be today, it could be tonight, it could be right now)

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be (*like*), but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**,
for we shall see Him as He is.

And What Will It Be Like?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **:15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **:17** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **:18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Colossians 3:4

When Christ *who is* our life **appears**, then you also will appear **with Him in glory**.

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. **:51** Behold, I tell you **a mystery**: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - **:52** **in a moment**, in the **twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, **and we shall be changed**.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

3.) Returning for those who are ready v.39-40

3a.) Ready and alert v.39

Ready by Being Prepared

: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.

The Christian Will Be Alert to The Times in Which He Lives.

Matching World Events Against the Bible,

This Causes Us to Be Prepared

Alert to The Times in Which We Live

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8

But concerning **the times** and **the seasons**, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. :2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. :3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. :4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. :5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. :6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. :7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. :8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

RETURNING FOR THOSE WHO ARE READY

3b.) Ready and awake

v.40a

Ready by Being Conscious or Aware

:40a Therefore you also **be ready**,

This "be" is in the Greek present tense, or in the continuous "Be, Being" ready!

Then There's Word "Ready"

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait for Him** He will **appear** a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Matthew 25:13

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

RETURNING FOR THOSE WHO ARE READY

3c.) Ready and able

v.40b

:40b for the **Son of Man is coming** at an hour you **do not expect.**"

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, :21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

No Man Knows The Day or The Hour

(and I wouldn't want to know)

I Want to Repeat a Passage That You Need To Hear Again

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What are we to be "Doing" until He returns?

1. be filled with the Holy Spirit
2. be in the Word of God
3. be on guard against evil
4. be in fellowship with other Christians
5. be serving the Lord's interests
6. be watching for His return
7. be waiting

End of Study