

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 12:41-48

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“WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN” – PART 2

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

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Previously in the Bible...

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 vs. 35-36

1a.) Waiting earnestly

“Let your waist be **girded** and *your* lamps **burning**.”

1b.) Waiting effectively

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

1c.) Waiting expectantly

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

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

2a.) Watching while working

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

2b.) Watching while worshipping

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

2c.) Watching while wondering

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

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

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

3a.) Ready and alert

:39 But **know this**

3b.) Ready and awake

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

3c.) Ready and able

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

The Doctrine of Imminence
that Jesus Christ will return without warning...

two very distinct, very different, and very separated events concerning
the return of Jesus Christ.

And What Will That Look Like?

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 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.

comfort

parakale÷w para'kaleo, *par-ak-al-eh'-o*;

to call out to someone. to invite them near.

to exhort someone to come near - - **Maranatha!**

PART 2

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

Luke 12:41-48

Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?" :42 And the Lord said, "**Who**(ever) then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? :43 Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. :44 Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. :45 But if that servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming," and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, :46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. :47 And that servant who knew his master's will and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. :48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

1.) Your faith will become foundational vs. 41-44

Faith is foundational to *Faithfulness*

Luke 18:8c

...Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes,
will He really find **faith** on the earth?"

Being “Prepared” for the return of Jesus Christ takes Great Faith!
to live your life daily expecting Jesus to return takes great faith.
to live each and every day with the **expectancy** that this
could be the day

YOUR FAITH WILL BECOME FOUNDATIONAL

1a.) Because your faith works vs. 41-42

Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?”
:42 And the Lord said, “**Who**(*ever*) then is that **faithful** and **wise steward**, whom *his*
master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due
season?”

This “Faithfulness” is Based upon the Fact that the Master of All
has put several things in play during His absence.

That for Each of us, there is a Task at Hand

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

#1

that His stewards have **authority**

#2

that His stewards are expected to be **responsible**

#3

that His stewards are **active**

Faith Works

and a working faith defines your life and passions

James 2:20

that faith without works is dead?

Hebrews 5:14

solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses
exercised to discern both good and evil.

Matthews 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in
heaven.

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider (provoke) one another in order to stir up love and good works,

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN YOUR FAITH WILL BECOME FOUNDATIONAL

1b.) Because your faith endures

vs. 43

Blessed is that servant whom his master will find **so doing** when he comes.

The Bible is a Supernatural Book.

More than that; it is the Word of Almighty God

The Christian is to be

- **Immersed** in the Bible Daily
- **Eating** food for the Soul from Its pages,
- **Praying** the Bible as We talk to God

Romans 10:17

So, then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

“You Become Like Those Whom You Hang Out With”

how does someone become more like Jesus Christ? By spending time with Him in doing those things that Jesus would do

By God’s Grace, Your Faith Will Endure

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

instruction and training and warnings.
all these things equip me for the reality.

I Will Never Forget Saturday, August 13, 1983

“it’s smooth now, but it’s going to get rough, then it’s going to get smooth again”
Instructor Ralph Eaton

Matthew 24:13

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 10:22

And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake.
But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Jesus **Instructed** and **warned** that some Christians would have to die for their faith.

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

YOUR FAITH WILL BECOME FOUNDATIONAL

1c.) Because your faith produces vs. 44

Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

John 15:1-2,5,16

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. :2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit... :5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing... :16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain,

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; :2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. :3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

2.) Your faith will become tested vs. 45-46

2a.) Real faith will be tested by time vs. 45

But if that servant says **in his heart**, "My master is delaying his coming," and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,

This man didn't start out being violent or a Glutton or a Drunkard.
He "**Began**" to do those things.

how and why did that happen?

Because Over Time, he let his eyes **drift** away from Christ.

This Man Began to Divide His Relationship with God from His Relationship with Man.

The person who is someone else at the office and then someone else in the church is the person that Jesus is Talking about.

Remember Back to Verse :38?

Luke 12:38

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

The “Later” it gets, the Greater the Faith it Takes to be Waiting.

**can you be someone who believes in God,
believes in Christ and be lost in the end?**

Jesus Warned and Instructed Us...

Luke 8:13

There are those who when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, **who believe for a while** and in time of temptation fall away.

Many People Today Say That They Believe in God,
but they don't have any faith in God.

They Will Agree That He is Real, but they live like He's not real.

**I Do Not Believe That a Person Can Lose Their Salvation,
If they truly have Salvation.**

Hebrews 6:4-6

For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, :5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, :6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God and put *Him* to an open shame.

They went back to their old way of living; like Jesus had never come.

1 Peter 1:5-7

you 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,

YOUR FAITH WILL BECOME TESTED

2b.) Real faith will be tested by apathy vs. 46

the master of that servant will come on a day **when he is not looking** for *him*, and at an hour **when he is not aware**, and will **cut** him in two and **appoint** *him* his portion

Webster defines “Apathy” as.

A lack of feeling. a privation of passion, being insensible to pain, excitement, or pleasure. incapable of being affected. having no care or concern.

Matthew 13:15

For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears have become **dull of hearing**,

Luke 21:34-36

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be **weighed down** with carousing (partying), drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. :35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. :36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Apostle Paul Warned

that when that happens it’s a dangerous sign of a spiritually, backslidden condition

Hebrews 5:11

Concerning Jesus Christ, of whom we have much to say, and things hard to explain, - - you have become **dull of hearing**.

dull nwqro/β nothros, *no-thros*´

to become slow or sluggish, to be lazy to the point of becoming stupid. slothful toward spiritual things.

Apathy is “When You Decide Not to Care” about anything but you.

the heart is where apathy takes root.
note this; that apathy has a voice

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN

3.) Your faith will become all important vs. 47-48

3a.) Important enough to save your soul vs. 47

And that servant who **knew** his master’s will and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

Faith “disengaged” or “inactive” is a Faith that Kills.

Your Faith, if Used Properly
will open doors of opportunity for you to share Jesus Christ and His word
that no man can engineer...

Faith Active is Thrilling!!!

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. :17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "*The just shall live by faith.*"

YOUR FAITH WILL BECOME ALL IMPORTANT

3b.) Important enough to determine your future vs.48a

But he who did not know,
yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few...

The Issue Jesus Makes Here is... What to do with what you know

A Perfect Example of Acting Upon What You've Got

Luke 23:42-43

Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." :43 And Jesus said to him, "**Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**"

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.
and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

Knowledge *can be* a Wonderful Thing

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation **has appeared** to all men, :12 **teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should** live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, :13 **looking for** the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, :14 who **gave Himself for us**, that He might **redeem us** from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His own special people, zealous for good works.*

Can You Say That That Describes Your Life?

Listen, Be Careful to - not Deny Christ by your Life.

End of Study