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**BE YE THEREFORE READY ALSO: FOR THE SON OF MAN COMETH AT AN HOUR WHEN YE THINK NOT.**

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SCRIPTURE READING: **LUKE 12:35-56**

**Luke 12:35-41** Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning. **36.** And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. **37.** Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. **38.** And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. **39:** And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. **40:** Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. **41:** Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

## 1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message February 14, 2021

## 2. INTRODUCTION

Refer to the morning message February 14, 2021

## 3. EIGHT POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

o. Be ye therefore ready also, for the son of man come that an hour when ye think not.

1. **Luke 12:35-41,** Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning. **36:** And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. **37:** Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. **38:** And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. **39:** And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. **40:** Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. **41:** Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

2. There is so much vital truth contained in this passage until I cannot cover it all. I am going to attempt summarize what is going on.
3. Of course, this parable deals with Christ return. It is primarily directed to the Nation Israel, but it also has application to the church. **Luke 12:41**, *Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?*
4. We know the Bible is emphatic he will return one of these days. **Matthew 24:36**, *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.* **Mark 13:32**, *But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.*
5. Notice what it says in view of his return as to what the readiness of the believer should in fact be." **Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;**"
6. It simply means we need to be protected. And the only way to do that is to put on the armour of God. **Ephesians 6:11**, *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
7. We also are to be working. We do not work for our salvation, but we work for our stewardship. **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*
8. We must be careful to know the difference. Salvation is a gift.
9. Stewardship simply means we are to build on the foundation that Christ had laid gold, silver, and precious stone. **1 Corinthians 3:12**, *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14: For the body is not one member, but many. 15: If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?*
10. Let us focus on the phrase **"And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."**
11. This speaks of the wedding of the believer to Christ.
12. We go to the judgment seat and after we are judged at the judgment seat of Christ there is a marriage of the lamb. **Revelation 19:7**, *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*
13. He speaks of the servants that are blessed which shall be found watching. **Luke 12:37**, *Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.*
14. We gird ourselves and notice the reward.
15. The aforementioned verse speaks of the marriage supper of the lamb. Which takes place at the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Revelation 19:9**, *And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*

16. Notice the phraseology” **verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.**”
  17. It also speaks of the fact we do not know when the lord is coming. He has emphatically told us that no man knoweth the day nor the hour in which the Son of man cometh **Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**
  18. We are too ready ourselves and be waiting, watching, and working. **John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**
  19. It also mentions “**if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come**”, this speaks of the rapture of the church. When Jesus comes in the rapture he will come as a thief in the night. In other words, the unbeliever will not be aware of the fact but the believer certainly will be, because every single born again believer from the day of Pentecost until the rapture of the church will in fact go. **1 Thessalonians 5:2, For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**
  20. I must emphasize that the Old Testament Saints will not be raised at this time. *This speaks of the rapture of the church*
  21. **Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.** We need to live in anticipation of the Lords return.
- p. And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward,...**
1. **Luke 12:42-43, And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? 43: Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**
  2. This speaks to the rewards at the judgment seat of Christ.
  3. Every believer will participate in that event.
  4. And we will also be rewarded on the bases of how faithful we were to the calling and what we have done in our bodies after salvation. **2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 1 Corinthians 4:2, Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**
  5. Some will receive a reward others will not. And this determines our position in the future kingdom as the Lord comes back and rules and reigns for a thousand years. **1 Corinthians 3:11, For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12: Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14: If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15: If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**
  6. Notice he says **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**
  7. In other words, he wants to make sure we are in his will and accomplishing the things he has set forth for us to do.

8. This parable again applies to the nation Israel primarily; however, it does have application to the church.
  9. We are to be ready; we are to live in anticipation of the Lords return.
- q. **Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.**
1. **Luke 12:44-46, Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. 45: But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46: The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**
  2. Of course, we know when Jesus comes back, he will bring with him a host of believers to rule and reign for one thousand years. **Revelation 20:6, Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. Jude1:14, And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**
  3. There are so many that are skeptical about his coming. And simply waste time and abuse authority. **Luke 12:45, But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;**
  4. With respect to wasting time and abusing authority I indicated last week that there were six things that a pastor must deal with. Laziness, greed, jealousy, boredom, distractions, and interruptions.
  5. We are to live in anticipation that Jesus might come at any moment.
  7. And everything has been fulfilled for his second coming.
  8. He will come and he will rule and reign and notice that those who fail to receive the gospel message are classed with the unbelievers and of course we know the place he has prepared for them.
- r. **And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.**
1. **Luke 12: 47-48, And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48: But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.**
  2. He might come today or might come tomorrow we do not know.
  3. But we do know we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**
  4. These verses certainly reinforce the concept. To whom much was given, much shall be required.
  5. It is amazing it also brings forth with very vivid detail, that there are degrees of rewards in Heaven and degrees of punishment in Hell.
  6. Believer will never stand before the Great White Throne of Judgment. It is

there for unbelievers. **Revelation 20:11-12**, *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them 12: And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

**s. I am come to send fire on the earth;...**

1. **Luke 12:49**, *I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?*
2. Even in this hour in the darkest days we are experiencing men and woman that are still not coming to know Jesus Christ as savior.
3. The fire here in this passage speaks of judgment.
4. Of course, God is warning us all the time.
5. And we know we cannot come to Christ unless the Holy Spirit draws us. **John 6:44**, *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 14:6*, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

**t. But I have a baptism to be baptized with;...**

1. **Luke 12:50**, *But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!*
2. This is speaking of the death of Christ on the Cross and is subsequent bodily resurrection.
3. We are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 6:3-6**, *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life 5: For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

**u. Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:**

1. **Luke 12:51-53**, *Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: 52: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. 53: The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.*
2. When Christ came and offered the free gift to mankind, it became a divider.
3. We have discussed this at some length. In both messages and bible study.
4. So many want to add to the salvation process. But we cannot add to the salvation process it is a gift. So many do not understand, and it becomes a divider.
5. Christ is talking about his death, his burial, and his resurrection. So many times, serves as a separator even among families.

- v. **Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?**
1. **Luke 12:54-56, And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. 55: And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. 56: Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?**
  2. Jesus told us in so many different places to redeem the time because the days of evil. **John 6:29, Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**
  3. What He is saying is we can discern the sky and the clouds.
  4. We can predict showers.
  5. We can discern the south wind.
  6. We can predict a heat wave.
  7. We cannot comprehend a simple gospel message.
  - 8.. But Gods plan of salvation is so simple. It is laid down in **Romans 10:9, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:10, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know Him my friend?
- b. If you do not know Him as personal Saviour today needs to be the day of salvation.
- c. If you have never taken the time to realize that you are lost and undone; take time and reflect on it now.
- d. We have seen some mighty miracles happen here at Chesswood.
- e. Young people and middle age people alike have come to know Jesus as Saviour.
- f. Praise God He is still in the soul saving business!
- g. **Isaiah 55:11, So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**
- h. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- i. **Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- j. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

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