**Everyday Stories of Jesus – Lk. 12:35**

**Focal Truth: Believer’s must live in expectant readiness for the return of Jesus**

Have you ever had a job that required you to be on call 24 hours, 7 days a week

Do you live in daily readiness for the Lord Jesus return?

Does the return of the Lord Jesus every cross your mind?

**Observations**

1. **Jesus commands believers to live in readiness for His return – 12:35 – 36**

*Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit. Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks*

1. Jesus calls his disciples to be prepared for his return

**Be dressed & keep the lights on!**

1. Jesus calls his disciples to wait expectantly for his return

**Be like men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast**

Wedding feast were at night…Servants waited to greet the master returning from the feast

**1 Pet. 1:13** – *prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ*

1. **Jesus promises a blessing to believers who live in readiness for His return – 12:37 – 38**

*Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes, truly I say to you that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them*

1. Believers are rewarded by God who live in readiness Christ’s return

**Eph. 1:3** - *blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*

**2 Tim. 4:8 –** *in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing*

1. **Jesus promises that He will return at an unexpected time – 12:40**

*You too, be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect*

1. Jesus promises to return to the earth

**Matt. 24:29 – 31** – *immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And he will send forth the angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.*

1. Jesus promises to return to an unexpectant world

**Matt. 24:36 –** *of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of man will be just like the days of Noah, for as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away,* ***so will the coming of the Son of Man be.***

**The return of the Lord will be sudden, unexpected, surprising!**

**Rev. 16:15 –** *Behold I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will see His shame.*

1. Jesus return will be glorious

Satan is removed!

The Saints reign with Christ

The judgment of the nations will take place

The sinful dead of all generations will be judged

1. Jesus promised to return & prepared & waiting saints pray: Come Lord Jesus

Rev. 22:20 – *Yes, I am coming quickly. Amen.* ***Come Lord Jesus***

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Jesus promises to return – live trusting His promise**

Rev. 22:7 – *behold I am coming quickly, Blessed is he who heeds the word of the prophecy of this book*

Rev. 22:12 – *behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.*

1. **Minister everyday prepared for the Lord’s return – 12:42**

*Who is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?*

**The old hymn says:** *O land of rest for thee I sigh! When will the moment come, when I shall lay my armor by and dwell in peace at home? We’ll work till Jesus comes, we’ll work till Jesus comes, we’ll work till Jesus comes and we’ll be gathered home!*

1. **Forgetfulness of the Lord’s return leads to careless living – 12:45**

*If that slave says in his heart, my master will be a long time in coming and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk*

1. **Jesus has given you much, He expects much from you – 12:48**

*From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more*

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**