

**“Jesus’ Warning to be Ready for His Return” 3/22/09**

**Luke 12:35-48**



**The Rapture- John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:50-52**

**The PRE-Trib Rapture- Rom 5:9; 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rev 3:10**

**POINT 1-** Jesus warns of the NEED in being ready for His return

- A. To be ready for His return we need to be PREPARED  
(Ex 12:11; 1 Kings 18:46; 2 Kings 4:29; 1 Peter 1:13; Matt 25:1-8)
- B. To be ready for His return we need to be WAITING  
(Jude 1:21; James 5:7-8; Luke 2:25; Matthew 24-25)
- C. To be ready for His return we need to be WATCHING  
(Matthew 16:1-3; Luke 12:56; Mark 13:32-37; 2 Peter 3:12)
- D. To be ready for His return we need to be knowing of the REWARDS  
(Rev 22:12; Matt 16:27; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10; 1 Cor 3:1-6; 4:1-5)

*"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." (Rom 13:11)*

**Going** God expects you to be watching and prepared for His Son's return!  
**Deeper**

**POINT 2-** Jesus warns of the CONSEQUENCES in being ready for His return

- A. We need to know that consequences will be given to the FAITHFUL  
(Luke 19:16-19; 1 Cor 4:2; Matthew 25:20-21; 24:45-46)
- B. We need to know that consequences will be given to the UNFAITHFUL  
(Matthew 24:48-51; 25:24-26; Luke 19:20-27)
- C. We need to know that consequences will be given to the UNPREPARED
- E. We need to know that consequences will be given to the IGNORANT

**Going** God wants you to be aware of the dangers/blessings of being ready!  
**Deeper**

*"So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'" (Luke 19:13)*

1. Personal life
2. Personal Service (Time, Talents, Treasures)
3. Corporate

## *Understanding the Distinctions of Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming*

<b><i>The Rapture</i></b>	<b><i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming</i></b>
Messiah comes <i>to the air</i> (1 Thess 4:17)	He comes <i>to the earth</i> (Zech 14:4)
He comes <i>for</i> His saints (1 Thess 4:16-17)	He comes <i>with</i> His saints (Jude 14)
Rapture is a mystery (1 Cor 15:51)	2 <sup>nd</sup> coming well known in OT (Zech 14)
Is a blessing and comfort (1 Thess 4:18)	Main emphasis is judgment (2 Thess 2:8-12)
In a moment (1 Cor 15:52)	Will be visible to world (Rev 1:7; Matt 24)
Involves the Church (1 Thess 4:13-18)	Involves Israel (Matt 24-25)
No pre-requisite signs (imminent)	Definite signs and time frames
Resurrection of NT Saints	Resurrection (OT) and Judgment

*For more information see article here:*

*<http://www.pre-trib.org/article-view.php?id=6>*