

Be Ready, Be Faithful, Be Rewarded

Luke 12:35-59

Key Verse: 12:40

“You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

1. Read verses 35-37. For what must we be ready? How can we be ready? Why will it be good for those servants whose master finds them ready and watching? (See also Lk 22:27-30)
2. Read verses 38-40. With what attitude should we wait for the Son of Man to come? To what future event does this refer? (1Thes 4:16-18; Mk 8:38; Mt 25:31) What does it mean to all people that Jesus comes again? How might our attitude be different if we knew the exact time of his coming?
3. What is the hope without which we cannot be ready? (1Pe 1:3,4; Ro 8:17) What is the love that enables us to be ready? (Dt 6:5)
4. Read verses 41-46. What did Peter ask? Why? With what question did Jesus counter? What characterizes the faithful manager (servant)? The unfaithful one? What happens to each? What does it mean to be ready?
5. Read verses 47-48. What is the contrast between the two servants here? What is Jesus' point?
6. Read verses 49-53. What does Jesus mean by “bring fire on the earth” and “baptism”? (Lk 3:16,17) What does it mean that he brings division, not peace?
7. Read verses 54-59. To whom does Jesus speak? Why does he call people hypocrites? What does it mean to “judge for yourselves what is right”? How are these ideas connected?