



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Living in the Light of the Lord's Return

Bible Reading: Luke 12:35-48

This section follows:

- A. Keep seeking God's kingdom (12:31)
- B. The Father delights to give the kingdom (12:32)
- C. Where your treasure is there is your heart (12:34)
- D. The certainty that we will meet the Lord

Jesus will return

- A. The promise of His return
 - 1. Revelation 22:12 "Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work."
 - 2. Revelation 22:20 – "He who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."
 - 3. At his ascension: Acts 1:11 "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven."
 - 4. In Matthew 25: the bridegroom delays his coming
 - 5. Will meet him either sooner or later – rapture or death
- B. Jesus is coming – secret coming and open/public coming
 - 1. Secret coming for the believers (Luke 12: 35-48)
 - 1 Corinthians 15:51–52; Rev. 3:3; 1 Thess. 5: 2; Rev. 16:15
 - 2. Open coming – all will see
 - Matthew 24:30; Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7
- C. Certainty that He will come; uncertain when He will return
 - 1. Luke 12:40 "...the Son of Man is coming **at an hour you do not expect**
 - 2. Luke 12:46 "that servant's master will come **on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know...**"

3. Not the public coming but secret coming

Expectancy and watchfulness for the kingdom (12:35-41)

- A. The first parable – Servants waiting, expecting, and being prepared for the bridegroom's return (vv. 35-38)
- B. Blessed (rewarded) by the master for watchfulness – v. 37
- C. The second parable – The householder (vv. 39-40)
 1. The unexpected nature of Christ's return like a thief.
 2. Loss for those not expecting and not prepared – a kind of judgement
- D. Be watchful, be ready (v. 40)
- E. Not waiting for some sign
 1. Not looking for signs and then getting ready – procrastinating
 2. Ready for the Lord every day.
 3. Don't know the time of his coming
Matt. 24:36; Matt.25:13; Mark 13:32

Our responsibility of faithfulness in the kingdom (12:41-48)

- A. Who does this refer to? – v. 41
- B. We all are required to be faithful based on what we have received.
- C. We should be faithful today and tomorrow; faithful until the Lord returns
- D. Judgment

Application

- A. What does faithfulness look like for you in your present situation?
- B. What is the Lord's assignment for you today?
 1. Frequently God asks something of you outside your preference.
 2. Sometimes we may do too much, other times not enough.
- C. What does it look like for you to seek first the kingdom?
- D. Examples:
 1. Who is on your heart and what are you doing about it?
 2. Where is the Lord asking you to serve at this time of your life?
 3. Do we have a heart that strives to please God?