

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

<sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

<sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

<sup>41</sup> Peter asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?"

<sup>42</sup> The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? <sup>43</sup> It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns.

<sup>44</sup> Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. <sup>45</sup> But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk.

<sup>46</sup> The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

<sup>47</sup> "The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. <sup>48</sup> But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows.

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.



# Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:15 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

## Revelation 1:7 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

So shall it be! Amen.

## 2 Peter 3:4 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

#### 2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

- Jesus is Coming Back
- **❖ No One Knows the E.T.A.**

#### Matthew 24:36 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 (NIV)

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

#### **Application**

Understand What God is Like

#### Mark 10:45 (NIV)

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

#### **Application**

- Understand What God is Like
- Reorient Your Thinking

# Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

#### **Titus 2:13 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

#### **Application**

- Understand What God is Like
- Reorient Your Thinking
- ❖ Be Ever Ready

#### Romans 10:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

