

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

“His Return”

(Luke 12:35-48)

- Introduction:
1. “Blessed are those servants, whom the master, when he comes, will find watching” (Luke 12:37).
 2. Ills. When I was a boy, my parents would sometimes my sister and me at the house alone. Before they left the house, they would not tell us when they were going to return, but they gave us chores to do and threatened consequences if we did not have them done when they returned.
 3. Having experienced the tension between responsibility and consequences from a very young age, I know from experience how important it is to be ready for the Lord’s return.
 4. Scripture tells us Jesus is coming again (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 2 Peter 3:1-9).
 5. Consider these truths about the return of Jesus.

I. The Coming of Jesus Demands Preparation

- A. (Luke 12:35-36).
- B. The servants don’t know when the master will return.
- C. Thus, they need to be prepared at all times for the moment when he does return.

II. The Coming of Jesus Dispenses a Blessing

- A. (Luke 12:37-44).
- B. “Blessed are those” who are prepared (Luke 12:37,43).
 1. The blessing is undeserved (Luke 12:37; 17:6-10).
 2. The blessing is a reward (Luke 12:42).

III. The Coming of Jesus Disciplines the Unprepared

- A. (Luke 12:45-48).
- B. There are many reasons why people are unprepared for the return of Jesus.
 1. Procrastination (Luke 12:45).
 2. Sinfulness (Luke 12:45).
 3. Ignorance (Luke 12:48).

- Conclusion:
1. May we learn from this parable of Jesus and live with preparedness and expectation of Jesus’ return.
 2. The return of Jesus isn’t a thing to be feared but anticipated.
 3. But if you are procrastinating, living a life of sin, or remaining in ignorance of what the Lord expects from you, I hope you will give careful consideration to the warning Jesus gave you.