

Luke 12:35-38

Be in readiness

“Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps alight. And be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that you may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master shall find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.” -Jesus

Are we ready for our Lord to return? In verse 40 He says, *“You too, be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”* What holds us back from being ready? Sometimes I think its things we want or desire to have fulfilled and we think that when Jesus comes these things will no longer be possible. We have a heart that is reluctant to believe in the goodness of God and that Jesus will either bring these things to pass or grant something that is so much greater that we can't even grasp it yet. The reason we don't trust that He has our best in mind is that we haven't stepped out in faith right now to do what he has asked of us which is to let go of the world so that both our hands and our heart are free enough to hold what He has for us. God is big and His blessings for us cannot be held in one hand or in half of our heart. They require all of our heart and both hands...Our entire being cannot contain all that He has for us. If you have never experienced how satisfying and delightful the presence of God is then there is no mystery as to why we are not ready for His return.

If I could accurately express the tenderness of His heart towards us and how much He desires to take us in His arms and be our closest companion, I would have unlocked the secret of eternal life. His presence lovingly woos us deeper and deeper into Himself but if we don't let go of the earthly ropes we hang onto we will never advance very far into His kingdom. By this I mean forsaking all of the worlds enticing pursuits in order to follow Jesus. How can we experience all that he has to offer us if we don't trust Him enough to let go of all of our earthly treasure? In verse 15 Jesus says, *“Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one had abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”* and in verses 20,21 *“But God said to him, you fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared. So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.”*

God is calling us to get ready for His return and to do this we must get on our knees before Him and examine ourselves that we may truly know and be able to say in our hearts, *“Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* We have been praying for revival and many others all over the globe have as well but I greatly fear that many do not understand what they are truly praying for. They think they are looking for some kind of spiritual manifestation from God, which will most likely happen, however His presence is accompanied with the stripping of all earthly desires and passions so that we might be ready for His return. Most people don't know that God removing all that they love in this world is actually one of the most blessed signs that He is answering their prayers for revival. We don't want to let go of this world but if we pray earnestly enough God will bless us by removing it the quickest and least painful way possible. I call this kind of blessing - A severe mercy - (He's had to use this method on me many times.)

If you are praying for revival, just know that the surest sign that He is answering is that your life has begun to be turned upside-down by circumstances far beyond your control. God is on the move and He will not fail to complete the good work he has started in you. So let us pray with courage and strengthen one another as God brings about great answers to prayer for the revival of our land! There will be turmoil but it will bear the fruit of peace and restoration both for us and the future generations to come.

How I long to hear, “Well done My good and faithful servant”! God bless you all!

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