

LESSON 22

Topic: Be Ready Always

Texts: Matthew 25:1-13

Aim: To alert the believer to always be ready as the Master can call at any time.

Introduction: The return of Jesus Christ is a promise that will be fulfilled, and we must be prepared. We must stay focused, watchful, and ready. As we approach the end of our journey on earth, it is essential to reflect on our readiness for the Lord's return. The bible teaches us to be vigilant and prepared, for we do not know the day or hour of His coming. He is still in the business of recruiting men into His kingdom even at the eleventh hour. However, some believers may lose their reward at the eleventh hour if they lose their guard.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the characteristics of an unprepared believer. Rev. 3:15-16, Prov. 6:10 – 11; Matt. 7:26 – 27.
2. How can we stay vigilant and ready? 2nd Timothy 4:2; Luke 12:34 – 37; Titus 2:11-13; 1 Peter 1:15-16.
3. Discuss the consequences for not being ready always. Matthew 25:9-12, Matthew 22:11-13; Matt. 13:25

Conclusion: Do not wait until the last minute to prepare for the Lord's return. Be vigilant and ready. God's reward is not based on human calculations, or timing but on His generosity and love. Trust in His goodness and mercy. The Master's call can be a time of great opportunity, but also of great risk if not prepared. Make the most of the time you have and stay focused on the Lord. Do not take your salvation for granted; stay committed to the Lord and His teachings living in righteousness and holiness. The Lord's return will be a time of great rejoicing for those who are prepared, but also a time of great regret for those who were not.

Memory Verse: Matthew 25:13 "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh"