

BE YE THEREFORE READY

LUKE 12

Text: Luke 12:40

(Luke 12:40) "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Introduction:

(Mat 24:42) "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

(Mark 13:35) "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:"

(Luke 12:40) "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

(Rom 8:19) "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

(Rom 8:23) "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

(1 Cor 1:7) "So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:"

(Phil 3:20) "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"

(1 Th 1:10) "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."

(Titus 2:13) "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"

(James 5:8) "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

(Rev 16:15) "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

As we have seen and heard recently the events taking place in our country, as well as in Israel, we must know for certain that the Lord's return is imminent.

The dictionary gives us this definition for the word imminent:

"Likely to happen without delay; impending; threatening." "Hanging over one's head; ready to befall or overtake one; close at hand; coming shortly."

Many ask what are the signs of his return? Much of what people use as signs are not signs of the rapture, but rather signs of His return with the saints after the rapture has taken place.

No signs are given when a thief breaks in a place and takes what he desires. The Bible clearly states that He will come as a thief in the night.

The coming of the Lord Jesus to rapture the church is certain and certainly imminent. It could happen at any moment.

The truth of His certain and imminent return should thrill our hearts and result in:

1. ALERTNESS

(Rom 13:11-14) "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. {12} The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. {13} Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. {14} But put ye

on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

(1 Th 5:1-8) "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. {2} For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. {3} For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. {4} But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. {5} Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. {6} Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. {7} For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. {8} But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

In these portions of the Word of God, Paul is calling for alertness of the people of God.

We face 3 sad conditions today.

- A. The dullness of man to spiritual truth.
- B. The dullness of man to spiritual dangers.

C. The dullness of man to prophesied events.

2. AWARENESS

We should be aware of

A. All that Christ has done for you.

B. Greatness of the event of the future, His coming.

1. Many minimized the first coming of Jesus and now they are trying to do the same thing regarding the second coming.

(2 Pet 3:3-4) "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, {4} And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

C. The events that will take place when He comes.

(1 Th 4:13-18) "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. {14} For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring

with him. {15} For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. {16} For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: {17} Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. {18} Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

D. That one day you will face the Son of God.

3. ACTIVITY

A. Be active, for one day your works will be brought before the judgment seat.

(1 Cor 3:13-15) "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. {14} If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. {15} If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

B. Be active, that you might glorify Him.

C. Be active, that you might bring souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time that we have left may we be busy in the work He left us to do.

Close:

Are you ready for His coming? His coming is certain and imminent. He may come at any moment.