

WATCHING WHEN HE COMES

October 3, 21 | Luke 12:35-48 | Pastor Michael Foster

- **He's Coming!**

- His coming is sure
Acts 1:11, Hebrews 9:27-28, Revelation 1:5-8, 2 Peter 3:10, Titus 2:13
- His coming will be at an unexpected time
1 Thessalonians 5:2-3, Acts 1:7-8, Matthew 24:8

- **Get ready!**

- Because you have been given responsibility
- Because you will face accountability
2 Corinthians 5:9-10, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

- **How to be ready when He comes:**

- Trust in the Savior (Get saved!)

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.

2 Peter 3:9 (see also John 14:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:14)

- Live for the Lord (Get serious!)

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:6 (see also 2 Peter 3:11, Hebrews 12:28)

- Serve the King (Get serving!)

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (see also 2 Corinthians 5:9-10, 1 Corinthians 3:14-15, 2 Thessalonians 3:13)

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Meditate on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11, 2 Peter 3:1-15, 2 Cor 5:9-10
- Read "Can we really earn eternal rewards?" -- www.epm.org/resources/2010/Mar/5/can-we-really-earn-eternal-rewards/
- Read "What kind of rewards will believers receive in heaven?" -- <https://davidjeremiah.blog/what-kind-of-rewards-will-believers-receive-in-heaven/>
- Read "Faithful Stewards" -- www.icr.org/article/12487
- Read "Destined not for wrath but salvation" -- www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/destined-not-for-wrath-but-for-salvation
- Watch this video on the Son of Man - www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6cWEcqxhII
- Listen to "Even So Come" -- www.youtube.com/watch?v=4s0Zb189Sco
- Listen to "Come Lord Jesus" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-tZEHOpZ20
- Listen to "Coming Back" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=pT9iqrlor0
- Read *The End Times in Chronological Order* by Ron Rhodes
- Read *Basic Bible Prophecy* by Ron Rhodes

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Describe a time when you weren't as ready as you should have been for something. What happened?
3. What's one question you have about the return of Christ? Was this question addressed at all today?
4. In your own words, summarize what the title "Son of Man" means. (Remember Daniel 7:13-14)
5. Read Acts 1:11, Hebrews 9:27-28, Revelation 1:5-8, 2 Peter 3:10, Titus 2:13. What do we learn about the Lord's coming in these verses?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What does this passage teach about eternal rewards. Do you think it is a good and biblical motivation for a Christian to be motivated by future rewards? Why or why not? (Consider Matthew 6:19-21, 2 Corinthians 5:9-10).
7. If you were to die today, how sure are you that you would be with Jesus in heaven? What is your certainty based on?
8. Read 1 Thes 5:1-11. What do we learn in this passage about being ready for the Lord's return?
9. Read 1 Cor 15:58. What might it look like for you to give yourself more fully to the work of the Lord in this season, knowing that your labor is not in vain?
10. As we prepare for next week's message on Luke 21:5-36, what signs do you think you see in our world today that may suggest the Lord's return is near?