

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

READY AND WAITING – PART II

Luke 12:39-40 “But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

To understand this very short parable, you must remember the verses that precede. Jesus has been teaching about the importance of His Disciples (all Christians) knowing God’s warnings and then heeding them. In this case, the homeowner knows that the thief is coming. The only thing he does not know is the exact time. He may come early in the evening, during the middle of the night or just before dawn. Having this information, the owner should make necessary preparations to be on guard, vigilant and alert throughout the night. Because if the owner did not do this, the thief will break into his home and steal.

When it comes to the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ on the last day to judge the living and the dead, there is no excuse for not knowing this day is coming. Jesus has taught this day will come. He simply has not stated the exact year, day and time. Jesus has exhorted the faithful disciple, knowing that this day is coming, is to be prepared at all times. There is no excuse. It is going to happen.

Jesus has given His disciples and you the gifts you need through which to prepare you for this day. You have received from Him His Gospel word through which His Spirit works faith in you to believe His promise to return to take you to be with Him for all eternity. You have been gifted with the sacraments of Holy Baptism through which you have become united with Jesus to await that day and the Lord’s Supper giving you His very own body and blood to wash away your sins that would prevent you from readiness and excited expectation for that day.

Jesus has done all necessary for you to be ready and waiting for His return.

Prayer: I am ready Lord Jesus. Come quickly, for I am in faith waiting for You to take me to be with You in paradise forever. In Your holy name. Amen.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.
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