

Watch and Continue to Do the Task

As you are Watching for the Coming Judgment of God Part 2

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Here in this message I want at first to make a clear point to you. That I am not speaking about the second coming of Christ but the Scripture that we chose in this messages speaks about the coming reward of Christ on those who serve Him and His judgment on those who are disobedient to Him.

Christ is coming with his reward to us, we who are serving Him, to spare us God's wrath and the time of judgment that the Lord will send to others who are careless about His work and not keen toward their responsibilities. God wants you to be in continuous and diligent service unto Him: ***“Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning.” (Luke 12:35 KJV)*** Christ wants us to be ready for service.

Jesus said, ***Let your loins be girded about:*** The loins here are our sides where belts are placed around our body as we are working. Therefore, as our loins are girded then we are prepared, ready and strong to do the good work of the Lord that He had prepared for us to us to do. Everyone of us has an assignment and he or she needs to finish this assignment and do it perfectly and precisely.

Jesus said, ***“Let ... your lights burning.”*** Our lights need to be ready and burning so we can see the way that God had ordained for us to pass through and we can see clearly so we can finish what we are asked to do.

The light for us today is the Word of God, ***“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105 KJV)*** The Word of God will teach us daily what really God wants from us to do

The light for us today is the light of the Holy Spirit that God promised to give to those who obey Him and follow His ways. ***“And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.” (Acts 5:32 KJV)*** The Holy Spirit will come to us as we obey God and He will lead us into the whole truth, and will fill us to do His will in full and to finish the task entrusted to us.

“36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.” (Luke 12:36 KJV) *As we are serving and persevering in our lives to serve the purpose of God in our generation, then we are waiting by faith on our Lord who will come in one day and in an hour unknown to us; He will come to judge. We need to understand that we will be judged and rewarded for our well doing and will be judged and overcome by God for our wrong doing. Our negligence, our carelessness, our laziness, our dishonesty and non willingness to do our duties and responsibilities well all will be judged by the Lord. That is why and that is the reason why we see many people they serve the Lord but the blessing of God are far away from them because they are dishonest with the lord.*

We suppose to act and behave as servant waiting for their master who is coming from a wedding banquet. Our master after He had the victory on the cross, he is now in a place of blessedness, for He is now at the right hand of God the Father interceding for us , while we are here on earth suffering with all trials, temptations and hardships. *We might be tempted to grumble, complain, and move away from our responsibilities and assignments. That is not acceptable before God. Jesus suffered and He was rewarded and took the position of the right hand of God the Father. We need to suffer first, to be proved by Him, then we will be rewarded, for this is the Biblical principles, no promotion without sufferings. “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” (James 1:12 KJV) Many they want to live in the atmosphere of wedding banquet, enjoying eating nice food and nice drink, and spending much on pleasures, and they don't want to suffer and go through the narrow way. That is not acceptable before God. These are not the terms and conditions of God to those who serve HIM.*

The Word of God tells us, ***“That when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.” (Luke 12:36 KJV)*** Jesus wants us to be awake watching and expecting Him to show Himself to us at any time. When He knock, and when He calls, we need to respond to Him immediately. We should not let Him wait and we should not give a deaf ear to His calling and to His voice, ***“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20 KJV)*** *Many they give a deaf ear to God when He call them, when He instruct them, when He correct them and when He rebuke them, and that is why their lives are in trouble and they are not in peace, “O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.” (Isaiah 48:18 KJV)* *God will give us peace if we obey His Word and commandment and go and do exactly His instructions to us.*

The writer of the book of the Song of Songs he wrote the following about how the lover (the church) responded in a lazy way to the call of the beloved (our Lord Jesus), *“2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. 3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? 4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. 5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. 6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.”* (Song of Solomon 5:2-6 KJV) The church today, and the servants of God today, they are hearing the voice of the Lord calling them to do the good things that He prepared in advance for us to do. Jesus is calling to you repeatedly, *“Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled,”* (Song of Solomon 5:2 KJV) and He gives a good reason for her to be fast in opening the door for Him, *“for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.”* (Song of Solomon 5:2 KJV) He is standing outside in the cold weather, the rain and dew over Him and He is wet and need to come inside. *The Lord today is calling the church to be back to their responsibilities, and duties in urgent ways. God is calling us today in urgent way because others are under rain, and under non favorable situation and God wants us to reach them and care for them and help them. There are many lost, many harassed by demons and need deliverance, many sick need healing and many hungry and they need to be fed with God’s Word; the Lord wants us to care for all these people.*

But she did not move quickly and open to Him. And what was her excuse and her reservation not to respond to the call of God, *“I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?”* (Song of Solomon 2:3 KJV) The church today is hearing the voice of God but not responding and the church today is ready not for service but for their excuses:

- A. *I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on?*** The fact that she was wearing a coat, it means it was cold weather, and it is hard to get up from the bed and put her coat again on her. What she wants to say, ‘Let me relaxed and enjoy my life. I have put off my coat, I am on vacation, it is my week end, it is my off day! How shall I put on? Do you want to disturb my schedule and my arrangement? Do you want me to go and suffer while I have the privilege to rest and escape the responsibility?’ *Wake up and do understand that God wants us today to walk even under the sun in order to reach the lost. God want us today to give our time to come early to church to come to prayer meeting, to go for Bible studies. God wants us today to give our stomach not for parties and banquets but for fasting and pleading in prayer for the mercy of God.*
- B. *I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?*** Before she went to bed, she had washed her feet and made them dry so the bed will not be wet. Now when she heard the call of the Lord, she was reluctant to respond to go out of the bed, and made her feet unclean again and later on need to wash them and dry them. Going out of the bed it will cause her feet to be catching dust and she don’t want to suffer, Many they will say, I don’t want to be walking under the sun or to walk in cold weather and under the rain. Many they want easy ministry and they don’t want to suffer and bear burden and responsibilities. They don’t want to struggle with long distance walk, long distance travel, and they don’t want to travel with poor facilities, etc. *Wake up church and do understand that we are not called to wash our feet, but we are called to wash other people feet and care for them. We are called to be father and mothers for the new disciples and willing to suffer for them till they are in the truth.*

She was refusing to get up and open the door to him. She was making excuses and her excuses refused him who was knocking at her door. *Many times our excuses to get up and welcome the Lord into our lives, will lead us to refuse God’s call. Many times our excuses to get up and respond to His call and do our responsibilities well, make us refusing Him to enter our lives to bless us. Many times our excuses not to forgive, our excuses not to give, our excuses not to give up, and not to repent, make us refusing Him to enter our lives to bless us.*

“My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.” (Song of Solomon 2:4) When she was delaying to open to Him, he put his hand on the door handle to open it expecting that the door is left open for Him. The lord will make a final move before He will leave the person. He would make the final check whether the person will respond to the call of God or not. When He tried for the last time, and the person not responding the Lord would leave that particular person.

“And my bowels were moved for him.” (Song of Solomon 2:4) She felt that He is opening the door, and we knew when the lord is calling us to serve Him and when He is calling us to do and fulfill our assignments. *The Holy Spirit is speaking to you, and you know that God is speaking to you. He would expect from you to respond to him appropriately and promptly. Do not delay more to respond to His call as He is calling you to come back to Him and serve Him wholeheartedly.*

“I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.” (Song of Solomon 5:5 KJV) Finally she got up to do it, but it is already late. That is when you stubbornly refuse to respond to the call of God and to His gentle voice and to His movement toward you, then when you get up to do it, you found the opportunity is already moved away because you delayed in doing it. *Delayed obedience will turn to be disobedience and non willingness to follow the directive that God is outlining to you.*

“And my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.” (Song of Solomon 5:5 KJV) When she moved to open the door, when she put her hand on the handle of the door, she found her hands plunged with sweet smelling myrrh that had past from the outdoor handle as the beloved had placed His hand to open the door. Myrrh is expensive spices. When she missed opening the door to the Lord she missed also His blessings to her. What I want to tell you is this: *When you miss the call of God, you can see also what losses you had lost and what opportunities that had moved away from you. When we miss the call of God, you are also missing the anointing of the Holy Spirit.*

“I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.” (Song of Solomon 5:6 KJV) Finally when she opened the door to Him, she was confronted with the fact that He already left. *my soul failed when he spake*; she was stubborn and yielded to the wishes of her soul and not to the wishes of her Lord. After He left her, she started to search for Him but she did not find Him. She started to call Him but He did not respond to her. *My brothers and my sisters in Christ, it is so painful the judgment of God on those who refuse to comply with God’s instruction on time, for finally when they got up to do it they will find it is late and not possible for them to do it.*

“37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.” (Luke 12:37) Blessed are those who obey and continue to do what is right and correct. *Blessed are those who obey from the first talk. The Lord is expecting people from among us who should obey Him immediately. When the Lord will visit us with His judgment and will find us alert and watching and caring for the things of God, then He will reward us. Those who serve the Lord and do what is right and correct, the Lord will reward them and make them sit and live in a comfortable way, and all what they give good to Him and to His people He will give it back to them. If you are willing to suffer and do His will, then time will come and you will see that the Lord Himself will serve you and care for you and pay you back all what you suffer and lost for Him.*

“38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.” (Luke 12:38) *If we will continue to serve Him even late up to the evening, and will continue caring for His work even when it is taking from our sleep and from our resting time then that will add more to our blessings and to our reward.* At the time of Jesus 6 Pm is considered the time for rest. The second watch is 8 Pm. The third watch is 9 Pm. So those who still watching and ready to offer service and willing to receive new orders from the Lord even at the time of their rest, then for those people the Lord shall multiply the blessing of Him on them.

“39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.” (Luke 12:39) We need to take such serious attitude in God’s services. If we want to be on safe side and blessed with God then we should not neglect our responsibilities. We should be all the times ready for service and keeping our responsibilities well done. *Those who are negligent in their responsibilities toward God, then the Lord will come to them as thief to take away His blessing from them, and their houses will suffer damage and destruction* ***“40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.” (Luke 12:40)*** *We don’t know which time God will come and judge; therefore we need to be careful to do what is right and just all the time.*

“41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?” (Luke 12:41 KJV) Peter asked the Lord if this for them only being His disciples or for everyone this teaching including the non believers. The Lord answered him clearly with a parable and He made it clear that His instruction is for everyone, ***“42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? 43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. 45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.” (Luke 12:42-46 KJV)*** The same of what we previously explained in Matthew 24:43-51.

“43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming. 49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken. 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 24:50-51 KJV)

The Lord in addition added the following to answer Peter and to answer us today and to make things clearer to us: ***“47 And that servant, which knew his lord’s will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.” (Luke 12:47-48 KJV)***

“And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.” (Luke 12:47 KJV) The punishment of the believers who knows the will of God and does not prepare themselves to do it, they will be punished more severely than those non believers who does not know well the will of God. Here is speaking not about the final judgment. There will be trial of judgments before the final judgment, so that those who sin may repent and give their lives to God.

Those who do not know the will of God and do wrong things worthy of beating, they will be sure beaten but with less. This is the Word of Jesus Himself, whether believers or non believers who do things worthy of beating they will be beaten. The believers who are given more they will be punished more, the non believers who are given less they will be punished less, ***“But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.” (Luke 12:48 KJV)*** Therefore let everyone come to know that whoever do wrong then he will be receiving beating for his sin.

Notice that in verses 37 and 38 the word blessed it is mentioned for the servants (many people), ***“37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.” (Luke 12:37-38)***

But in verse 43 the word blessed it is mentioned for the servant (one person), ***“43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.” (Luke 12:43)*** Therefore what we need to understand that if we even be left alone, we still need to serve God faithfully. Also we can understand that God will deal with each and everyone individually according to their conducts and achievements.

My dear and beloved: Put it in your mind. The Lord knows how to catch those who do wrong and hide their sins. The Lord shall catch such workers and disciples, and will deal with their wrong doing in a day and moment they will not be expectant of it.

- *The Lord knows those who are hiding, and He knows those who do all what they can to escape their responsibilities and the assignments that they ought to finish.*
- *The Lord knows those who are pretending but they are unfaithful to Him.*
- *The Lord knows those who are careless, lazy and negligence.*
- *The Lord know those who are partially obeying the instruction and who hide themselves from being exposed.*
- *The Lord shall deal with all such kind of evil servants and will judge them in a proper way.*

The Lord also knows how to reward His people, those who serve Him and those who do His will and walk in His ways. Those when He will come and see them in the place and the ministry that He assigned for them to do; when He will come and will see them doing their responsibilities toward those under their care and the people around them, the Lord shall reward those servants and promote them and add to them blessings, strength, privileges, and ministries. The Lord knows those who are honest and those who are hard working and those who are faithful and do all what they can to fulfill their responsibilities toward God and toward His Word and toward His church. The Lord shall reward them bountifully. The Lord shall reward those who are perfect. The Lord shall reward those who obey completely and those who obey immediately.

Let us stand:

1. Commit yourself and your life fully to the Lord.
2. Surrender your life and your will fully unto Him.
3. Confess now all your sins to God, renouncing them that you will not be going to do them again.

Let us pray: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word that makes the truth revealed to me and made me understood what is in reality.

Lord forgives me the following sins _____.

Start to confess your sins to God _____.

Lord forgive your people, those who are repented, the sins of negligence, the lack of commitment, the laziness, the sin of delaying obedience, the carelessness, and the lack of perseverance in doing the ministry. Lord forgive those who repented the sin of worldliness, the sin of staying in the comfort zone, the sin of pride and the non willingness to suffer for you and for your church and for your people. Lord forgives those who repented from the sin of laziness and procrastination.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who repented to be restored back to the places and the ministries that you wants them to be to serve you.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who are keeping themselves in the places and the ministries that you had assigned to them, Lord reward them and give them what is due for them. Lord rewards them for their good stewardship and their diligence in serving you and serving your people who are under their care. Lord give them good health and strength, give them finances, give them opportunities to serve, provide all their needs, fight for them and sustain them, Lord reward them with more gifts of the Holy Spirit so they will shine more for your glory.

Lord bless your church and bestow on us the spiritual gifts that we need to go on and make disciples of all nations. Lord enables us to evangelize and to reach the lost souls and new areas with the Gospel of Jesus. Lord helps us to plant more Bible studies and to raise up more disciples to serve you. Lord continue to protect us and provide all our needs,. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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