



"BE READY"

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³⁶ But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:36–44 (NIV)

"The point of the comparison between the days of Noah and the coming of the Son of Man is the unexpectedness of the crisis...So unexpected was the flood that people did not recognize it until it had already come upon them."

— Daniel Harrington

"Instead of saying: 'It is certain to come; therefore, we must make preparation and be always on the watch,' they said: 'No one knows when it will come; therefore, there is no need to trouble oneself about it yet. Others matters are much more urgent.'"

— Alfred Plummer

"The love of the world is displayed by men's being given over to eating and drinking. Had they believed the message of wrath just about to come, they would have fasted and wept."

— Robert Govett

How to ready up:

1. _____
2. _____
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¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16–17 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..."

John 14:23 (NIV)

...and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go...

1 Kings 2:3 (NIV)

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. ⁴⁷ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’ ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. ⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:45–51 (NIV)

“...when the master leaves a servant in charge during his absence, he does not expect to find him waiting at the door when he returns, but rather getting on with the job entrusted to him. Neither of the two servants portrayed has advance knowledge of the master’s return; the differences the way he (master) finds them behaving. Our ‘readiness’ for the coming of Jesus is not in excited speculation but in faithful stewardship.”

NIV Biblical Theology Study Bible, D.A. Carson
https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/ice_thomas/Mat24-25/Mat24-25_Part33.cfm#ftnc33_12

ANSWER KEY:

1. **OBEY GOD**
2. **SUBMIT TO GOD**
3. **KEEP GOD AND HIS COMMANDS**