

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses  
of glory*

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## Faithful Followers of King Jesus Actively Anticipate His Return Luke 12:35-48

### Review

1. Jesus is focused on training his disciple's hearts.
2. Maintain a heavenly mindset – not an earthly one.

### Jesus calls his followers to a life characterized by anticipation of his return. (vv. 35-38)

1. To anticipate is to live in active readiness.

*Luke 12:35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.*

2. A life of anticipation results in heavenly blessing.

*Luke 12:37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!*

### Jesus warns against losing focus as we anticipate his return.

*Luke 12:39 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. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*

### When Jesus returns all of humanity will be judged. (vv. 41-48)

1. The faithful believer stewards well - and reaps the benefits.

*Luke 12:41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.*

## 2. The unfaithful will be judged accordingly.

**Luke 12:45** But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, **46** the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. **47** And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. **48** But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

**Rom. 2:6** He will render to each one according to his works: **7** to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; **8** but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

### Reflection/Discussion

1. Identify events or times in your life where you were filled with great anticipation (e.g., Christmas morning, your wedding day, a fun event or competition). How did that anticipation influence the way you lived?
2. For followers of Jesus, his return is the greatest hope we have. Do you live life daily with this great hope in mind? How should his return influence every arena of your life? Does it influence your work? Your relationships? Your time in prayer and in the Word?
3. Jesus says that those who faithfully steward the responsibilities here – who are motivated by the anticipation of his return – will receive incredible blessing in his kingdom (Luke 12:37, 41-44). Does the promise of this blessing motivate and encourage you to steward well?

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