

ARE YOU PREPARED?
Matthew 25:1-13

I. Being prepared for the return of Christ cannot be ignored (1-5).

Isaiah 54:5: **For your Maker *is* your husband**, the Lord of hosts *is* His name; and your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

Hosea 2:19-20: **I will betroth you to Me forever**; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord.

Romans 13:11-12: And *do* this, knowing the time, **that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed**. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

II. Being prepared for the return of Christ cannot be shared (6-12).

Luke 12:35-36: Let your waist be girded and ***your* lamps burning**; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, **when he will return from the wedding**, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

Matthew 7:21: Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Luke 13:25-27: When once the Master of the house has **risen up and shut the door**, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, '**I do not know you, where you are from**,' then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, '**I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.**'

III. Being prepared for the return of Christ cannot be rejected (13).

Mark 13:35: **Watch therefore**, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning.

1 Thessalonians 5:6: Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, **but let us watch and be sober**.