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Sunday

Ready to Go in the Blink of an Eye

Main Point

Since we will not know the day nor the hour of Christ's return, Christians must be constant in both their personal devotion to Christ and His kingdom work. We will not have time to rush and "catch up" in the minutes before He appears. Casual disregard and delay will leave us regretful when the day of accountability happens in the blink of an eye.

Supporting Scriptures

Matthew 24:36 *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

Matthew 24:44 *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.*

Matthew 25:13 *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,* 52 *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

Conclusions

1. Jesus modeled kingdom mandates for us to follow:
 - a. Private personal time with God.
 - b. Teaming up with others.
 - c. Passing on God's truth to procure believers.
 - d. Lifting others out of suffering.
2. Jesus warns us to "watch", because casualness and carelessness could lead to "falling away".
 - a. Matt. 24:42-43, unattentive Christians cause the house of their faith and work to collapse.
 - b. Matt. 25:1-13, half the virgins of God's kingdom foolishly ignore their oil and fall away.
 - c. 2 Thess. 2:1-4, a large falling away of Christians happens before the Antichrist appears.
 - d. 1 Tim. 4:1, Christians will fall away to seducing spirits, devilish doctrines, and hypocritical legalism.
3. "Watching" means two things: watch the oil and watch the work. We must keep the "oil" of God in us full, and keep constant in doing the kingdom work.
4. The consequences of casual disregard and delay could be eternally catastrophic.