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THE SECOND-COMING FOCUS!

TEXT: Luke 12:36 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 12:43 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.

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.

2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in **the last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?**...

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints**,

18 How that they told you there should be **mockers** in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luke 19:12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, **and to return**.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come.**

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know **how much every man had gained by trading.**

Ezekiel 27:9 The ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee **to occupy thy merchandise.**

Webster's 1828:

Occupy: To employ; to busy one's self. Every man should be occupied, or should occupy himself, in some useful labor.

2 Samuel 19:24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?

3. Also, because the Lord's will, shall be done on earth as it is in Heaven...If we desire this...we should do His will now...

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 **Thy kingdom come.** Thy **will be done** in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant...

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire...

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death **till he come**.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him **at his coming**.

2 Peter 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto **the coming of the day of God**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may **be found of him** in peace, without spot, and blameless.

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto **the coming of the Lord**. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, **the judge standeth before the door**.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God,

even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all his saints.

Mark 13:34 For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest **coming suddenly** he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you **I say unto all**, Watch.

Philippians 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. **The Lord is at hand.**

Psalms 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

9 Before the LORD; **for he cometh to judge the earth:** with **righteousness shall he judge the world**, and the people with equity.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and **so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**

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"Abandonment of the assembly is the first step in a career of backsliding...Snow in

the streets is bad for meetings, but snow in the heart is worse: the sole reasons which justify abstention are reasons which we can give without a blush at the Judgment Seat of Christ."

The Safeguard...each year makes fellowship more imperative...[Heb. 10]...

"So let us assemble continually: - because our coming influences others; because our regularity has a steadying effect on wavering ranks that are about to break and fly; because only when we have no mercies to acknowledge; no sins to confess; no blessings to crave; no brethren to love; no souls to sanctify; no lost to save - may we stay at home with a clear conscience; and because the best place to find the Shepherd is among the sheep."

A. J. Gordon:

"For three hundred years the Church occupied the position of a bride awaiting the return of the bridegroom from heaven - she meantime, holding herself free from all alliance with this world, content to fulfil her calling in witnessing for Christ, in suffering with Christ, and so to accomplish her appointed work of the gathering out of the elect body for the Lord 'until he come.' A strange and almost grotesque conception to many modern Christians no doubt..."

...Within fifty years,,there has been a widespread revival of the early teaching on this point, especially among the most eminent evangelists and missionary promoters, until today in a great company of devout Christians, the uplifted gaze is once more visible...

"Whatever doctrine I was pursuing, whatever precept I was enforcing, I found it fronting toward and terminating in the hope of the Lord's second coming."

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 **Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing** of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

1 Thessalonians 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in

Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so **that we need not to speak any thing.**

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, **and how ye turned to God from idols** to serve the living and true God;

10 And **to wait for his Son from heaven...**

1 Thessalonians 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless **unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**