



As believers in Christ, why must we be ready at all times to meet the Lord?

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

The purpose being:

1 John 2:28, "That when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

As such:

Matthew 25:13, "Watch, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Matthew 24:44, "You also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Proverbs 22:3, "A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished."

What's more?

1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

Therefore:

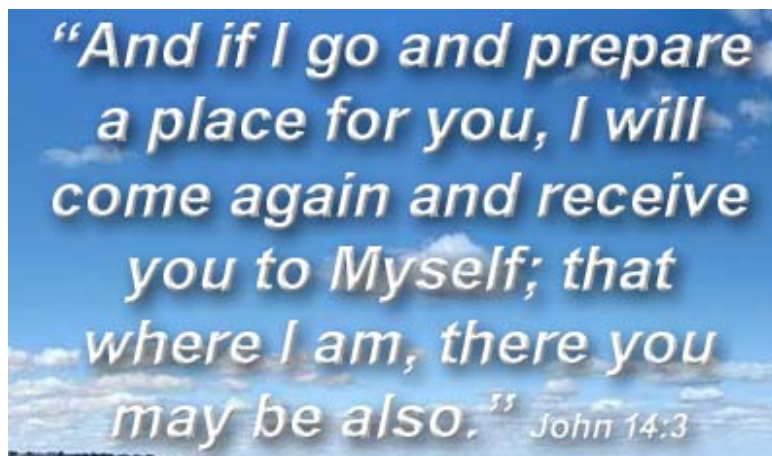
1 Corinthians 16:13, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

Luke 21:36, "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Ephesians 5:15-16, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Am I ready to meet God?

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As born again believers, how must we live so we are always ready for the Day of the Lord?

1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

Why?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

Luke 21:27-28, "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

What's more?

Revelation 1:3, "Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near."

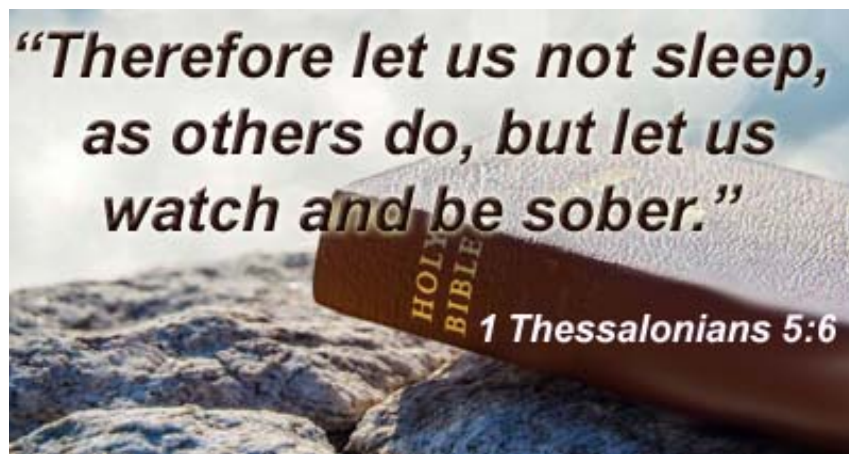
As such:

1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

Do I understand that the Kingdom promise is reserved for those who are ready to meet the Lord?

Am I?

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What should our attitude be so as to always be ready to meet the Lord? Romans 13:12-14, "Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

Titus 2:11-13, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."

Why?

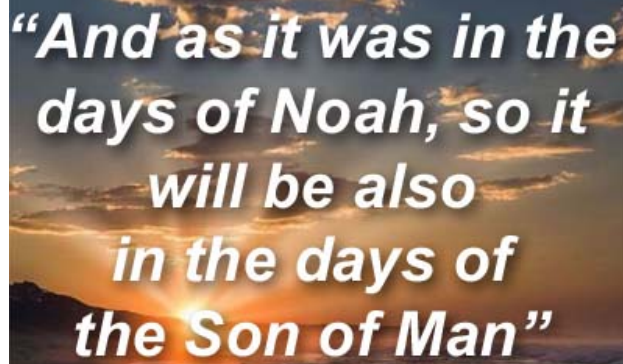
Matthew. 24:42-44, "For you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Therefore:

Hebrews 3:14, "We have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end."

Am I steadfastly wearing the armor of light in Christ, so I am always ready to meet the Lord?

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***“And as it was in the  
days of Noah, so it  
will be also  
in the days of  
the Son of Man”***

*Luke 17:26*

Here's a clear example of how important it is to always be committed to and prepared to meet the Lord:

Matthew 25:1-4, “The kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.”

Matthew 25:6-9, “And at midnight a cry was *heard*: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.”

What happened next?

Matthew 25:10-12, “And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

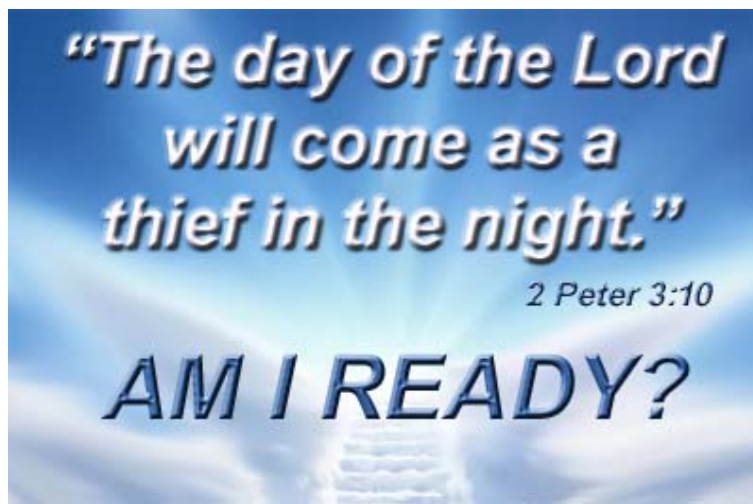
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How committed and ready am I to meet the Lord?

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How are we enjoined to be ready at anytime to meet God?

In Jesus own words:

Luke 21:34, "Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly."

Then He added:

John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 16:33, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Matthew 7:24-25, "Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."

Therefore:

Luke 21:36, "Watch and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

What's more?

1Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

Do I truly follow Christ, so I am ready at anytime to stand before the Son of Man?

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