

Prepared for Christ's Return?

When we think about being ready for eternity, we tend to think in terms of being prepared for our own deaths. While that is an important perspective that should greatly influence how we live, Jesus presents his disciples with a slightly different perspective. He urges them to be ready for his return. And this return is presented as unknown yet imminent.

1. Preparation Concerns Everyone
 - a. Note Peter's question v. 41
 - b. Who is included in the word "all"? v. 41
 - c. The four types of servants v. 43-48
2. Preparation Requires Faithfulness
 - a. Dressed for action with a burning lamp v. 35
 - b. We must not sin by doing evil v. 45
 - c. We must not sin by failing to do good v. 47
3. Preparation Brings Consequences
 - a. The faithful servant is blessed (present) and will receive great reward (future) v. 37, 44
 - b. Unfaithful servants will receive punishment corresponding to their unfaithfulness v. 48

Application:

1. Are you living your life as if you have the rest of it to accept Christ?
2. Have you considered the extremes of heaven and hell? The joys of God's favor or the tragedy of his wrath?
3. Will you accept what Christ offers today? Rev. 3:20