

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#49 – “It’s Past Time to be Ready” – Luke 12:35-48

I. Introduction

A. Businesses and great service.

1. Examples
2. Pastor Don’s early work experience
3. Service is and was the name of the game, but what happens when the one to be served becomes the servant of all?

B. Today’s Text – Luke 12:35-48

II. Exposition

A. Keep in mind the context.

1. Seek first the kingdom and be careful about worldly goods.

B. Luke 12:35-38

1. Wedding parties.
 - a. In the first century they could last well into the night.
2. Lamps lit. (35b).
 - a. Light as a figure of speech.
 1. Refers to knowledge
 2. Unpreparedness – Bridesmaids – Matt. 25:1-12
 3. Paul – Romans 13:11-14
3. Jesus rewards readiness.
 - a. Signaling of the future meal – John 13:1-2ff

C. Luke 12:39-41

1. The mini-parable with a word of caution.
2. Be ready for the Lord’s return.
3. Regarding the second coming.
 - a. Key stats from the Bible.
4. Return promised
– Phil 3:20-21; Rev. 1:7; Titus 2:13; Rev. 22:20
5. “A thief in the night”

a. Key texts – I Thes. 5:2; II Pet 3:10a; Rev. 3:3; 16:15

b. No one expected the return.

D. Luke 12:41-42

1. Peter needs clarification.
 - a. Jesus does not directly answer.
2. Faithful employees.

E. Luke 12:43-44

1. Faithful workers are often rewarded for good work.
2. Charles Spurgeon.

F. Luke 12:45-46

1. Human tendency – slack off when the boss is not around.
2. In this case, he not only slacked off, but also became abusive.

G. Luke 12:47-48

1. Greater knowledge will bring greater judgment in regard to non-compliance.
2. Key texts on graduations of punishment.
 - a. Matt. 11:22,24; Luke 20:46-47; Rom. 2:5-8;
II Cor. 5:9-10; Rev. 22:11-12
3. Kent Hughes

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Are you ready for the return of Christ?
- B. Being a faithful servant applies to all individuals who have responsibility over God’s people.
- C. We have been given so very much. Consequently, much is expected.
- D. The more truth people know, the more dangerous it is for them to reject it.
- E. To all the saints, take comfort in the fact that God will not abandon you to your sin, but will lovingly discipline you in order to bring you to Himself.