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Prayer

Almighty God, The Great I Am, The God of all flesh, Elohim, thank You for a day like this, blessed be Your Holy name for all you're doing in our lives, we worship You tonight, as we study at Your feet please give us understanding of Your word and let this Word have impact in our lives in Jesus Christ name. Amen

Study

Matthew 24:42-44 KJV Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. [43] But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. [44] Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Jesus Christ was giving hints about what would happen in the last days, He talked about total darkness which must precede His coming, this would make it difficult for any to disguise the method of His coming because the turning of the sun to darkness and stopping of the moon from shining can only be done by God. **Matthew 24:29 KJV** Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: the power the devil has and his beast is limited only to the affairs of the world. What happened in the days of Noah would repeat itself. **Matthew 24:37 KJV** But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. People would be carried away with activities, forgetting the warnings of God, merriments will be the order of the last days, they will not know when The Lord will come. **Matthew 24:39 KJV** And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Those during the time of Noah did not bother about the coming flood but when it came their ignorance was not spared, in the same way the

ignorance of many will not be pardoned when the Lord finally appears in the sky, those who claim to be Christians but hates holy and righteous living will not be spared also.

The Lord tells us to watch, for you do not know what time Your Lord is coming. To watch simply means to depart from evil, you should always be at alert because the coming of The Lord will be at an unexpected time but the fact about His coming is that it would not be a matter of shock to the watchful because they are expectant unlike those who are already carried away, so at the end what would show the difference between those who would go with Christ and those who would be left behind is their wisdom and foolishness just like the wise and foolish virgins. The matter about Christ's coming is not a kind of partiality that He would have told some set of people of but then keep it a secret to others, it is a secret to everyone so those who would go with Him would be able to do so because of their obedience to instruction which is to watch, those who would be left behind would then come to realise how foolish they were for not taking with them extra oil in preparation for His coming. Our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said it point blank that *"be ready"* **Matthew 24:44 KJV** *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.* What does He mean by this word?

1. It means to be prepared mentally, physically, spiritually for His revealing.
2. It is to make oneself available for the immortality of one's body
3. It is to strengthen one's focus and attention to the duties which are of eternal values
4. It is purify oneself - **1 John 3:3 KJV** *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*
5. It means to avoid every form of distraction

From these meanings of being ready as The Lord has told us we can see that it requires conscious effort, some believe that they do not have to do anything, that grace is all would do everything for them. The truth is that grace is very important **Titus 2:11-13 KJV** *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; The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men and it is that same grace that is teaching us and training, instructing us to turn away from godless living and sinful pleasure. The kind of grace that encourages sin is not grace at all but disaster. The grace did not only make us receive the unmerited favour of God and blessings but it is teaching us to live in self-control, righteous and devoted lives to God in this evil world ; so we must carry out what that grace is teaching us to do as we *look forward* to the coming of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Looking forward simply means loving His appearing, being expectant, watching carefully for His coming. So we must plan to make it to heaven, God will not do everything for us He said "get ready!" and our getting ready is not what should be done sometimes but that that must be always done, we must be ready at all times so that it would not come upon us in a shocking manner, there is no break in transmission to our getting ready. For us to get ready there are some things which we must put in place and this must be well attended to so that we would not be ashamed when He finally shows up.

HOW TO BE READY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1. **One must be born again:** This is unnegotiable, anyone who is not born again can never go with Christ nor even see the kingdom of God. **John 3:3 KJV** *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.* Therefore to be born again one must believe and confess Him as His Lord and Savior. **Romans 10:9-10 KJV** *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. [10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* It is painful that many are in the church/Christianity by biological birth and not spiritual rebirth, and they think they are getting ready for the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ. It would be a shocking thing to them when they are finally left behind when Christ finally comes, though they are doing different kinds of services in the church of God, they even look committed but they have never for once confessed Christ with their mouths. If you cannot remember at any point in

your life when you used your mouth to say I accept Jesus Christ, believing in Him in your heart, you have to do it immediately no matter your title or position in the church because your name is not in the book of Life.

2. Repent from all your sins: Many claim to have repented from their sins yet they still enjoy committing those sins they claim to have repented from. **Acts 3:19 KJV** Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Repentance must be done wholeheartedly, no sin should be covered up. **Proverbs 28:13 KJV** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Unconfessed sin is a ticket to hell fire, ask The Lord to remind you of the ones you have forgotten, so that you'd confess and repent from them.

3. You must have faith in God: Faith means trust in somebody's ability or knowledge or trust that somebody will do what has been promised. **Hebrews 11:6 KJV** But without faith it is impossible to please him : for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. You must believe that your sins have been forgiven and that you are saved.

4. Do not ignore your restitution: The teaching on restitution has been neglected by many, some say it is not important or necessary, but those who are getting ready for the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ, they would not joke with restitution as The Holy Spirit would keep bringing it to their minds, anyone who does not make necessary restitutions cannot make heaven, that is why quick actions should be made to retribute after salvation. **Ezekiel 33:15-16 KJV** If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. **[16]** None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. These verse of the scripture shows that restitution is lawful and right. So every child of God must seek to do what is right, that was what happened in the case of Zacchaeus. **Luke 19:8 KJV** And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. He told The Lord Jesus Christ that he would restore what he had taking by false accusation in four folds and The Lord Jesus Christ did not tell

him not to bother about it. In the same way, every child of God must retribute to prepare for the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ.

5. **Pay up all debts:** Some Christians are fond of owing debts, The Word of God says in **Romans 13:8 KJV** *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.* You cannot carry another man's money into Heaven, you would be stopped at Heaven's gate. Pay up your debts, "everything" even if the person has forgotten, except the person tells you not to worry about paying the money. Some parents still owe the school their children once attended and did not pay up their debt before withdrawing their children to another school, heaven is far from those ones until they go back to pay up. No debtor will go with Christ, so pay your debts to be ready for Christ's coming. Concerning the ones you have forgotten, tell The Lord to remind you of them all.

6. **Clean your inward part:** This is the aspect that cannot be seen by the physical eyes. Maintain a pure heart void of lust, hatred, bitterness, anger, malice, rebellion etc **Matthew 15:19 KJV** *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:* these things would make a man unfit for Christ coming, hence, if you must be ready, then you must be constantly watchful concerning the things you think about.

7. **Clean your outward part:** This aspect is mostly neglected by many in this perverse generation. They claim God only looks at the heart but is not concerned about the body which houses the heart and is the temple of God. So many who claim to be born again now looks no different from prostitutes. Those in the church now have no physical appearance different from those of the world. **Romans 12:1-2 KJV** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* All forms of jewelries including wedding rings, attachments, plaiting, painting of faces and nails, bleaching of the hair, incisions, worldly hairstyles and tattoos must be done away with to prepare for the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Peter 3:3, 1 Timothy 2:9, Leviticus 19:27, Genesis 35:1-5**

8. Put a total stop to secular movies and music: It is a shameful thing to see that some who claim to be waiting for Christ's coming are still listening to hip-hop music, they still have football stars as role models, worldly artists as mentors, if you must get ready as The Lord commanded us, you must separate yourself from these things which adds no value to your spiritual life. Watching wrestling, Big Brother Africa, secular cartoons and games, war films among others shows you are still carried away with pleasure, in fact, you can get possessed and polluted through these secular movies and music. **1 John 2:15-17 KJV** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. [17] And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

9. Quit the devil's businesses: Many are only getting set for Christ's coming by mouth and not by actions. Hearing without doing is still as though one did not hear. Quit every business that does not please God no matter how genuine it is. Some don't drink yet they sell hard drinks, some don't plait yet they plait for others. There are some businesses that are not bad but can lead to hell if one is not careful, it is advisable to get another one after seeking The Lord's face. Some sell jewelries, hand bands, makeup, beauty products etc they are only getting themselves ready for hell instead of Heaven.

10. Don't encourage others to sin: If one is not careful one might be caught in the trap of encouraging sin and by doing this, it might cause others to sin. **Romans 1:32 KJV** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Some don't dress seductively but upload the pictures of their friends, family members, and others who dresses so on their status in the name of celebrating birthdays, wedding celebration, etc and by so doing making those viewing their status lust after them and sin against God. For those who are getting ready to make Heaven, they have no business with encouraging evil, you must shun evil, making those doing it know that God is not pleased with them. You have no business in uploading the picture of someone who is not godly dressed on your status no matter who they are because if you do so, it shows you are in

support of what they are doing and you are indirectly telling them to continue. Never support evil.

11. Love everyone: As one preparing for the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ, you cannot hate anymore you must love everyone you come across. He that loves has fulfilled the law, you must love even your enemies, not in pretense but genuinely. Stop looking at a particular person as your enemy and praying that the person should die, that is not love. Jesus Christ did not ask us to kill anybody, in fact, it is said that anyone who hates his brother is a murderer. **John 15:12 KJV** *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

12. Evangelize: Some think this is only meant for those called into ministry, they do not know that anyone who does not evangelize will not make heaven because they're disobedient to God's command. This is why The Word of God says He that wins souls is wise. At the end, it is only those who are ready that will go with Christ. **Matthew 25:10 KJV** *And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.* Immediately the door is shut, no second chance, those who think they will pay with their blood after rapture are only deceiving themselves, it's better they wake up to reality now and start getting ready for the coming of The lord Jesus Christ.

13. Separate yourself from idolatry: Many don't practice idolatry directly but do so indirectly, they join those people who are serving little gods other than The Lord Jesus Christ in their festivals, some even send money to their parents or relations who are of another religion during the time of their festivals, thereby supporting them. These set of people are already practicing idolatry, some still greet those in idolatry in respect to their festivals and collect and eat food during these festivals, and other festivals which The Lord Jesus Christ did not command us to celebrate. If indeed we are getting set for the coming of The Lord Jesus Christ, we must totally separate ourselves from anything idolatry. **Revelation 2:14 KJV** *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.* We cannot bless and eat foods that has been sacrificed to idols.

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