

Matthew 24:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Analysis

Jesus' warning 'Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh' reiterates the need for constant readiness. 'Be ready' means living in a state of spiritual preparedness—right relationship with God, faithful service, holy living. 'In such an hour as ye think not' warns against assuming delay or predicting timing. Christ comes unexpectedly, catching the unprepared by surprise. Readiness isn't last-minute cramming but ongoing faithfulness.

Historical Context

The following parables (wise/foolish virgins, talents, sheep/goats) illustrate readiness versus unpreparedness. Readiness means genuine faith producing faithful works, not mere profession. The unexpected timing tests whether disciples serve from love or merely fear consequences. True readiness reflects transformed character, not external conformity.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Are you living in a state of readiness for Christ's return today?
2. What areas of your life would not be ready if Christ returned now?

Interlinear Text

διὰ	τοῦτο	καὶ	ύμεῖς	γίνεσθε	ἔτοιμοι·	ὅτι	ἢ
Therefore	G5124	also	ye	be	ready	for	in such
G1223		G2532	G5210	G1096	G2092	G3754	G3739

ὥρα	οὐ	δοκεῖτε	ό	υἱὸς	τοῦ	ἀνθρώπου	ἔρχεται
an hour	not	as ye think	G3588	the Son	G3588	of man	cometh
G5610	G3756	G1380		G5207		G444	G2064

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 25:10 (Parallel theme): 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.

Matthew 24:42 (Parallel theme): Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matthew 25:13 (Parallel theme): Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Luke 12:40 (Parallel theme): Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Philippians 4:5 (Parallel theme): Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Matthew 24:27 (Parallel theme): For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Revelation 19:7 (Parallel theme): Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

James 5:9 (Parallel theme): Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

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