

PARABLES—Section 3, Part 4

Luke 12:35-40

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1. At the same time that we are learning new things, we have to unlearn what is false. We can only do that by hearing God's Word accurately.
2. 12:40 Jesus is coming back. The Bible is as clear on the Second Coming as it was on His first coming.
3. The story of our world has an ending already designed by God.
4. 12:40 We cannot be indifferent toward the future; we must be ready.
5. 12:40 In the Old Testament, the term "son of man" was used to speak of the insignificance of humanity (Psalm 8:4; Ezekiel 2).
6. 12:40 The ancient prophets also understood it as a title that especially belonged to the Messiah who was coming (Daniel 7:13).
7. 12:40 Jesus was reiterating the promise that one day the Son of Man will be coming back.
8. 12:40 Jesus referred to Himself repeatedly as the "Son of Man," emphasizing His humanity and His Messiahship (Mark 2:10, 14:61).
9. 12:40 The Lord Himself uses His Second Coming as a motivation to respond to the gospel (Matthew 16:27; Luke 9:23-26).
10. Ever since Jesus' first coming, believers have been living with the realization that He could return at any moment (Matthew 24:36; Acts 1:6-7).
11. The writers of the New Testament lived in light of the reality that nothing stands in the way of His return (Titus 2:13; Hebrews 10:24-25; James 5:7; 1 Peter 4:7; 1 John 2:18; Revelation 1:1).
12. 12:35-39 Jesus gave three analogies of readiness:
 - Stay dressed for action—metaphor for spiritual readiness, a call to action to be ready to move and move fast
 - Keep your lamps burning—not a time to be wandering; be alert, be watchful, have everything ready
 - Be like men who are waiting for their master—looking to the horizon so you are ready to receive him
13. 12:37-38 In response, the master will be thrilled and will serve them.
14. How do we get ready? First, we must come to Christ (Romans 13:11-14).
15. Jesus told us these things because He wants to remove our anxiety, not increase it.
16. *1 Corinthians 15:51* In the Bible, a mystery refers to something that was once hidden being revealed.



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