



Waiting for the Master Luke 12:35-48

Something to Start Us Off

- Have you ever been surprised or taken off guard by something that you knew was certainly going to happen anyway? What was that like?

Something to Notice

- The word “blessed” appears three times in this passage (vv. 37, 38 & 43). According to Jesus, who is blessed?
- What reason does Jesus give to encourage us to be ready in v.40?
- In v.48, this section ends with what we might call a lesson, or the moral of the story. What is it?

Something to Understand

imminence. A term usually referring to the possibility of Christ’s second coming occurring at any moment. The imminence of Christ’s return suggests that no established intervening events need to take place before his return, thus ruling out all predictions that would set the time or date of his coming. (From *The Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms*, by Grenz, Guretzki, and Nordling)

- In what ways is the coming of the Master like the coming of a thief?
- How might you answer Peter’s question in v.41?
- What reasons do you suppose someone might have for being careless and not being ready for Christ’s return?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 12, how might you describe the proper attitude of a Christian toward the Lord’s return?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 12:35-48 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?