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“Waiting” (3)

*“The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ ... He who testifies to these things says,
‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”
(Revelation 22: 17, 20)*

Parables of the Coming

Luke 19:11-15, 27 – (11) “As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. (12) He said therefore, ‘A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. (13) Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘**Engage in business until I come.**’ (14) But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ (15) **When he returned,** having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

(27) ‘But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’”

Luke 12:35-37 – (35) “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, (36) **and be like men who are waiting for their master to come** home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. (37) **Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.** Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.”

Key Point: Those Awaiting the Lord’s return are Blessed

Apekdechomai Anticipation

1 Corinthians 1:7 – “so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait (*apekdechomai*) for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Hebrews 9:28 – “so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting (*apekdechomai*) for him.”

Romans 8:23 – “And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly (*apekdechomai*) for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

Philippians 3:20 – “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await (*apekdechomai*) a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”

Galatians 5:5 – “For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait (*apekdechomai*) for the hope of righteousness.”

Abiding & Anticipation

“And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming (*parousia*).” (1 John 2:28)

(1) Experiencing Jesus today encourages hope in His coming.

(2) As “little children” we are easily distracted by superfluities.

(3) May God help us to have as small a “shame factor” as possible.

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Is the Second Coming important to Jesus? (Matt. 6:10; John 14:1-3; Rev. 22:7, 12)

When was the last time I thought about the “Coming of the Lord and our gathering to Him?”