

The Season of Preparation

December 1, 2024

Text: *Matthew 25:1-13, NIV*

Quit Looking for Signs

- The _____ nature of Christ's return.
- The modern fixation with signs is a result of not _____.
- Why _____ is critical.

Be Ready at All Times

- What being ready _____.
- Being ready means being _____.

Embracing God's Judgment

- We have _____ God's judgment.
- God's judgment _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are you presently doing to prepare for the Christmas holiday? How stressed does the preparation make you?
- Why do you think we become obsessed with learning signs of the Lord's return?
- How might a closer reading of Matthew chapters 24 and 25 correct our fixation about knowing the signs of His return?
- Why is it vital that we *not* know when Christ will return?
- How might the thought of Christ's return make a person afraid? How does this differ from Apostle Paul's description of Christ's return in Titus 2:13?
- What does it mean to be prepared at all times for Christ's return?
- How does being prepared change the way we view the end times? The way we live today? The way we see our non-Christian friends?
- Why do you think the modern church has ignored God's judgment? How is it possible to see God's judgment as a part of Christian hope?
- How are you preparing yourself for the Lord's return?