Will He Find Me Watching?

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Luke 12:37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

- I. There is a great danger that you can know and expect Jesus to come but not be watching for Him when He comes.
 - A. The first warning Jesus always gave about the last days was about the danger of being deceived.

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

- 1. So there will be many people who think they are watching for Jesus to come while they really are not.
- B. There is also the danger of being distracted with all that is going on in the last days.

Luke 21:25-26 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luke 21:34-36 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

- C. It is certainly a fact that there are many people who say they believe Jesus is coming soon, but it is also a fact that there are few who are truly watching for Him.
- D. Most people are watching but they are not watching for Jesus to come.
- E. They are watching world events, and think that because they can logically tie them to the last days the Bible talks about, that they are watching for Jesus to come.
 - 1. But they are not watching for Jesus they are watching the world events.
 - 2. They are constantly trying to figure out what is going on and what is coming next, as if this is the key to wisdom and understanding and being right with God.
 - 3. And they are getting their information from propagana machines of the world, ran by the devil himself.
- F. Many people are simply watching other people and what they are doing and saying.
 - 1. Instead of watching for Jesus to come they are watching Fox, CNN, Facebook, and Youtube.
 - 2. Or they listen to Rush Limbaugh, Alex Jones, or some other of the armies of male and female talkers on the radio, the Internet, TV, podcasts, and

other means of broadcasts that give people someone to listen to besides the Lord himself.

- 3. One crowd watches and listens to the liberal, ungodly, socialistic talkers, and the other crowd listens to the so-called conservative, but not religious talkers.
- 4. Many just watch other people play, and that's all they do with their superior mental capacity...watch sports, watch acting, watch pornography, and listen to music.
 - a) You would not believe the number of people who sit in church services every week who are in this group right here.
- II. Most people are not looking for the Son of God to come they are looking for a human hero to come and save us from this mess the world has gotten into.
 - A. Most are thinking just like the people were when Jesus came the first time.
 - 1. Their main concern is the state of the world and the powers that are in control here.
 - 2. They are not looking forward to eternity as their hope; they are dwelling on the hope of changing things here on this earth.
 - B. Most people think that we can change the course of things by voting for politicians and just getting the right people in the high places.
 - 1. We are always disappointed and let down with this empty hope and fruitless strategy for turning back evil.
 - C. Those who are truly looking for Jesus to come will be preaching the Gospel and trying to win people back to a holy God down on the ground level not in the high places.
 - 1. Jesus did not, and neither did any of the apostles, try to change the wicked government under which they lived and carried on their ministry.
 - 2. It is God who does that from his throne in heaven according to moral condition of the people, and particularly the moral condition of those known as the people of God.
 - 3. They did not even try to change the leadership (high places) of the apostate organized religion of their day.
 - D. They went about preaching the Word of God and made it possible for God to change the high places in men's hearts.
 - 1. It really matters very little what kind of man or woman sits in the high places of government.
 - 2. The most important matter for now and eternity is who sits on the high places of men's hearts here and now.
- III. Those who are watching for Jesus to come have a pilgrim's attitude toward this world and it's present condition.

Micah 2:10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

Hebrews 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Luke 12:35-36 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

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