

Luke 12: 35-59 Discerning the Times

Yeshua's interactions with His Disciples in the midst of the multitude addressed various Treasures of the Kingdom. While teaching His Disciples, He also addressed the multitude who listened to His teachings. Then Yeshua transitioned to speak on the signs of the times. He touched on being watchful, service according to the Master's will, giving an account, and Judgment.

In this portion of Luke's Gospel, Yeshua gives additional insight on His advent and mission, making it clear what He came to do. Yeshua also shares the consequences of His coming, the family division that His teachings would bring, and the proper response to discerning the times.

Yeshua opens, in this portion of His teaching, informing His Disciples that as servants to always be ready for their Master's return. Yeshua uses an illustration of a wedding attendance.

Be dressed, anticipating the Master's return and be ready to serve Him with lights burning.

Lk 12:35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;

They will not know when the Master will return, but they were to be watchful and ready to open the door immediately. He then uses the story He is telling as an example to them.

Lk 12:36 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.

Those servants that were watchful, ready, expecting the Master to return, and waiting to serve Him would be served by the Master.

Lk 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.

Yeshua demonstrated this service to them at the last supper He shared with them when He washed their feet.

Lk 12:38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

Lk 12:39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

No one knows when the Son of man will return.

Lk 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour **when ye think not**.

Mt 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mk 13:32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Mk 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Peter asks Yeshua a question.

Lk 12:41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

Yeshua did not answer the question Peter asked, but instead Yeshua asked a question designed for them to answer within themselves and tells them what the answer should be.

The Question:

Lk 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season?

The Blessing, the Answer to the Question, and the Rewards for being that type of servant:

Lk 12:43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Lk 12:44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

Yeshua continued His response to Peter in the midst of the other Disciples and the crowd of people.

The Consequences for not being the faithful and wise servant:

Lk 12:45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

Lk 12:46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Lk 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

Those who do not know the "Master's Will", and did things worthy of a beating, will not be punished or beaten as severely as those who knew.

Peter stated in his writing:

2Pe 2:21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

Lk 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Ro 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Ro 2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

Ro 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Ro 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Ro 2:15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Ro 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Yeshua stated He came to bring fire on the earth, but He must first fulfill the Baptism of Death for the sins of the world.

Lk 12:49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?

Lk 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

Yeshua, the Prince of Peace, did not come to bring peace, but to separate or divide those who would do YeHoVaH's will from those who would not.

Lk 12:51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

A "House Divided"

Lk 12:52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

Five in One House:

1. Father
2. Mother
3. Son
4. Daughter
5. Son's wife

Lk 12:53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

After responding to Peter, Yeshua turns to the crowd of people and begins to speak to them.

Discerning the Times by Natural Events:

Lk 12:54 **And he said also to the people**, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

Lk 12:55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

Discerning the Times by the **Word** and the **Spirit**.

Lk 12:56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

Judge yourselves and judge what is right for yourselves.

Lk 12:57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

Dealing with an Adversary

Lk 12:58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, *as thou art* in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

Lk 12:59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.