



Homeward Bound

Part 2: The Preparation

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Matthew Chapter 24

◆ Keep _____ !

- *Matthew 26:41* - Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

◆ Be _____ !

- *Matthew 24:44* - So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Four Components of Preparation

1. _____ the Master

- *Matthew 7:21-23* - "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

2. _____ for Delay

- *Matthew 25:1-13*
- *Luke 21:34-36* - "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."
- The belief that Jesus will return is alive, because it is so prominent in the New Testament. But the passing centuries have eroded the urgency of this belief. The temptation for us today is to live life on the assumption that Jesus is coming back--but not any time soon." Robert K, McIver, *The Four Faces of Jesus*, page 89.

3. _____ God's _____

- *Matthew 25:14-30*

4. _____ God's _____

- *Matthew 25:31-46*

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 25:13