Are You Ready for His Coming?
ARE WE READY FOR HIS COMING? Mt 24:44

Introduction:
1. The admonition of the Master sets forth the practical side
   of the question of our Lord's return.
2. We believe he is coming again. When we know not,
3. Much has been said and much speculation concerning when He
   shall return. Religious bodies have been founded upon these
   guesses.
4. Likewise much has been said concerning what He is to do when
   He comes again. "To set up His kingdom," "He will then
5. Bible teaches He shall come again, not to set up Kingdom on
   this earth, for the Kingdom is now here but He shall return to
   receive his own unto Himself and deliver them unto His Father.
   Eph 1:7, Gal 1:9, 1 Cor 15:24, Rev 20:4, 11, Mk 13.11.
6. There is no such doctrine as a second chance.
7. Jesus states, "Be ye also ready." Thus we conclude that it
   is possible to be ready by knowing what the Master taught
8. Our concern is: AM I READY? To you: ARE YOU READY?
9. WHO THEN WILL BE READY TO MEET HIM?
   (This is possible to not be ready)

BODY:
I. WHO WILL BE READY:
1. Those who have not obeyed the gospel, WHO KNOW NOT GOD.
   2 Thes 1:8.
   Note the seriousness of a failure to obey the gospel. A
   rejection of the gospel means:
   (1) We reject God's power unto salvation—Rom 1:16
   (2) We reject God's righteousness—Rom 1:16-17
   (3) We reject God's wisdom—1 Cor 1:23-25.
   (4) We reject the Spirit—1 Pet 1:12.

2. The Hypocrite—Mt 24:48-51
   Jesus warns against hypocrisy—Mt 6; Grieving, prayer, etc.
   Jesus rebukes the Scribes and Pharisees severely upon
   different occasions.
   A hypocrite is one who is a play actor, professing to
   be what he is not. His life is a sham!!

   It is very dangerous to reach a backslidden state, and

II. WHO WILL NOT BE READY:
1. Those who have not obeyed the gospel, WHO KNOW NOT GOD.

CONCLUSION:
A. Life is short, even though we live a long time as we count.
B. Death is sure.
C. Make ready.
D. You will have no choice in meeting the Lord, for all must
   stand there.
E. But today we have the choice, we can respond, obey the
   gospel and prepare to meet Him when He comes.
   (How?)

F. Nothing short of complete obedience will suffice.
   One who does not willingly submit to the commands of Christ
   is not a fit subject for the Kingdom.

4. The Lukewarm—Rev 3:16-17
   The indifferent, lukewarm Christian says to the world:
   "Christianity does not appeal to my energy." "I just
   don't believe that it is worth much," etc.
   They do much more harm than even those who are nothing.
   The world sees us, and they say, "There is a believer
   yet he can see he does not believe there is much
   in Christianity for him."
   The Lukewarm nauseates the Master.