

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 33]

WHAT MANNER OF PEOPLE
OUGHT WE TO BE?

Reading: 2 Peter 3:10 – 14

Introduction

- The doctrine of Christ's 2nd Coming is **NOT** just a doctrine to be **BELIEVED**.
- It is a truth to be **LIVED** every day.
- So in the light of what we now know is going to happen, how ought we to be living?

1 Faith Without Works

- Consider [James 2:26].
- You say you believe in Christ's coming? Then prove it by how you live and what you make priorities.

NB After Christ's '*Olivet Discourse*' in [Matthew 24] He delivers a trilogy of parables in [Matthew 25].

- [1 – 13] the parable of the virgins/bridesmaids.
- [14 – 30] the parable of the talents
- [31 – 46] the parable of the sheep and the goats.
- The parables deal with the period of Christ's absence between His Ascension and Return.
- Both virgins and servants believed in Christ's return but when He returned some were unprepared.
- Did they really believe in His return?

NB Although they addressed Him as '**Lord**' He really wasn't their Lord. Remember [Matthew 7:21].

- **Question:** So what is a life like that is ready for His Return?

2 A State Of Readiness

- Consider [Matthew 24:44], [Matthew 25:10].

3 A State Of Watchfulness

- Consider [Matthew 24:42], [Matthew 25:13], [Mark 13:33 - 37], [Luke 21:28].
- Not like the '**sleeping**' virgins.

4 A State Of Longing For And Praying For His Coming

- Consider [2 Timothy 4:8].
- Consider [Matthew 6:9 – 10] & [Revelation 22:20].

5 Holy Conduct And Godliness

- ***"What manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness."***
- Holy means '**set apart.**'
- Consider [Ephesians 5:27].
- Living lives characterised by a pursuit of holiness and right living.
- Not soft on sin or laid back about sin.
- Not saying, '**What can I get away with and still be saved?**'
- Consider [1 John 3:2 – 3].

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