

**UNION FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH, 404 NORTH BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH
BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

MONTH'S THEME - BE READY

TEXTS - MATTHEW 24v42-44, Mark 13v33-37, Amplified

Our theme for November, 2020 is BE READY. It is a call, a command, a mandate. It is to be made suitable and available for immediate use. We must be ready for life, ready for the future, ready for spiritual service. Above all, we must be ready for the second coming of Christ and this is our focus for this month. In Matthew 24v44 Jesus said 'you also must be ready, for the son of man will come when least expected. [NLT]. Matthew 24v1-3, 42-44. To be ready. Matthew 25v13. John 14v1-2, Acts 1v11. Luke 12v49, See Jeremiah 51v11-12

WHY WE MUST BE READY

The Bible states and Foursquare believes that Christ's coming is soon, personal and imminent. It is the ultimate expectation and hope of the Christian believer. We do not know the exact time and day, but we must not be left unaware of His coming, 1 Thes. 4v13-17. Jesus Himself said "I will come again" John 14:3, Revelation 22v12, Revelation 1v3 states "the time is near"

1, MATTHEW 24:36. NO ONE KNOWS OF THAT DAY AND HOUR

But no one knows of that day and hour. Not even the angels of heaven, but the Father. (Matthew 24v36, 44, Matthew 25v13, Luke 12v30, Mark 13v28-37 – ESV, Amos 4v12

2, MATTHEW 24:37-39. AS THE DAYS OF NOAH WERE

"As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (v. 37). "and they didn't know until the flood came, and took them all away" (v. 39a). "so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (v. 39b).

3, MATTHEW 24:40-42. ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND ONE WILL BE LEFT

"Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one will be left; two women grinding at the mill, one will be taken and one will be left" (vv. 40-41). People are engaged in everyday work. There is no indication that today will be different from yesterday or the day before Luke 17:34-35; 1 Corinthians 15:51; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 5:2-4; Revelation 3:3, 10; 16:15. Note – be ready because

- Christ will come again.
- His coming will be swift and surprising.
- He will divide people into two groups (taken/left behind).
- So we had better be ready.

“Watch therefore, “keep awake” or “watch” or “be on guard.” for you don’t know in what hour your Lord comes” (v. 42). It is both spiritual and physical preparation or readiness and wakefulness. The person who lives in daily companionship with Jesus will not be threatened by Jesus’ sudden appearance.

MATTHEW 24:43-44. A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

43“*But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch of the night.* “for in an hour that you don’t expect, the Son of Man will come” (v. 44b). This repeats the emphasis of the opening verse of this lesson (v. 36). See parable of the talents. Matthew 25v14-30, Matthew 25v31-46.

Conclusion. Heed Christ’s call, Matt 24v44. Don’t be like the unprepared five virgins that missed the mid night call. Matthew 25v1-13.