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## BE READY | End Time Series

### 1. Preparing for the Rapture (Scan or click the code).

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God... Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.* (John 14:3)
- B. 1 John 3:2-3 *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has **this hope** (hope of His Coming) in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*



### Christ vividly describes the end times in Matthew 24 and emphatically states for us to be ready in chapter 25.

2. The parable of the **five foolish and five wise virgins** (bridesmaids) in Matthew 25:1-13.
- A. Parables are stories adapted from real life to illustrate one main point. **What is that point?**
3. **If Jesus were to come NOW**, would you be ready for eternity?
- A. Matthew 24:37-38 *...For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* (Matthew 24:44)

## BEING READY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING...

1. **Watch AND pray.** Develop a lifestyle of prayer.
  - A. Matthew 26:41 *Keep actively watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.* (AMP)
2. **Be CONTINUOUSLY filled with His Spirit.**
  - A. Ephesians 5:18 *Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the Holy Spirit and be constantly guided by Him.*
3. **Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying through His Word.** Be quick to obey!
  - A. John 16:13 *...when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*
  - B. Subjective experience balanced by Biblical understanding.
4. **Keep short accounts with God AND with people.**
  - A. Matthew 6:12 *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.* (1 John 1:7-9)
5. **By faith NEVER lose sight of eternity.**
  - A. Hebrews 11:9-10 *By faith (Abraham) dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited (looked) for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*
  - B. Matthew 24:13 *But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

**Heavenly Father**, You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Therefore, I know You are the God in whose Hands are all the events of history from the beginning to the end. Therefore I place myself in Your loving and powerful care.

Lord, create in me a clean heart and fill me with Your Spirit. Work in me and prepare me to be ready for Your Imminent Return. In Your Name I pray! Amen.