## God's K.N.E.W. Normal #3 Luke 12:35-40

Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit. Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes & knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. Whether he comes in the 2nd watch, or even in the 3rd, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

Luke 12:35-40

## Timeline of the return of Jesus Christ

(Beginning with the end in mind)

6. The Day Of The Lord

The Re-Creation Of The Known Universe 2 Peter 3:10-13

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up 2 Peter 3: 10

But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3: 13

- 5. Final Judgment Of The Ungodly
  - The Great White Throne Judgment Revelation 20:11-15
- 4. 1,000 year millennial kingdom Revelation 20:4-6
- 3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ Revelation 19:11-21

## Recap

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2. The Tribulation

Daniel 9

1. The Rapture

1 Corinthians 15:35-51

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Four "Get Ready" Analogies God's Pre- Rapture Fire Drill

> 1. "Be dressed in readiness." Luke 12:35

> > Gird up your minds for action. 1 Peter 1:13

2. Keep your lamps lit. Luke 12:35

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. Romans 13:11-13

3. And be like men who are waiting for their master... Luke 12:36

Blessed are those slaves whom the master shall find on the alert when he comes."Truly I say to you, he will gird himself to serve And have them recline at the table and come up and wait on them. Luke 12:37, 38

But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, & to eat and drink and get drunk; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers. Luke 12: 45, 46

4. Keep watch for the thief

Be sure of this...that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into, Luke 12: 39

You yourselves know full well the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night, But you, brethren, are not in darkness that the day should overtake you like a thief, for you are all sons of light and sons of the day. 1 Thessalonians 5: 2

How are you to get ready?