

## **When Jesus Returns**

**What will you be doing?** You will be doing what you are doing at this moment, like reading the newspaper and having breakfast. Or, you will be doing what you did last night. Was that something you would have done in the presence of Jesus? Will your actions this weekend meet with God's approval? Why do we ask? Because what you are doing, at any given moment, is what you will be doing when Jesus returns. (Read three parables in Matthew 24:45-51; 25:1-13; 14-30).

**What do you hope to be doing?** You may say, "I hope I'm doing something kind like helping a neighbor, or visiting the sick and elderly." Or you may say, "I hope I'm praying and reading the Scripture when Jesus returns." Or even better, "I hope I'm doing what Paul commanded Timothy to do; 'Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth'" (2 Tim 2:15, NASU). These are noble pursuits.

**Where will you be going?** Jesus said some will go to a place of weeping and gnashing, while others will go to a place of blessedness or happiness (Matt 24, 25). Some will suffer God's vengeance and be punished with everlasting destruction, while others will rise up to meet Jesus in the air, and forever be with Him in His Father's house (Jude 7; 2 Thess 1:8-10; John 14:1-3).

So when Jesus returns what will we be doing? "Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind" (Eph 2:3), or diligently seeking God the great rewarder of those who do His will (Heb 11:6)?

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