

LUKE'S GOSPEL

INVESTIGATING THE MAN WHO IS GOD



RESOLUTE

Living Between the Trees

Part 1



Genesis 2:9a (ESV)

And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden...



Genesis 3:22-24 (ESV)

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.



Genesis 3:22-24 (ESV)

²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.



Revelation 22:1-5 (ESV)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.



Revelation 22:1-5 (ESV)

³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

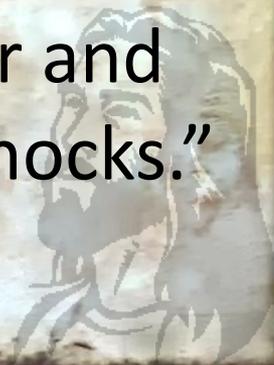


**We are to live in a
constant hope and an
expectant readiness of
Jesus' return.**



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks.”



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

³⁷ “The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! ³⁸ He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready.”



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

“Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

⁴¹ Peter asked, “Lord, is that illustration just for us or for everyone?”

⁴² And the Lord replied, “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.”



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

⁴³ “If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. ⁴⁴ I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.”



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

⁴⁵“But what if the servant thinks, ‘My master won’t be back for a while,’ and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk?

⁴⁶The master will return unannounced and unexpected, and he will cut the servant in pieces and banish him with the unfaithful.”



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

⁴⁷ “And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn’t prepared and doesn’t carry out those instructions, will be severely punished.”



Luke 12:35-48 (NLT)

⁴⁸ “But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”



Be Prepared

Has Jesus become your King?

What are you hiding from the King?

What parts of your life are resistant to the King?

Are you growing in your enjoyment of the King?

Are you living for the King's glory or your own?



Be Prepared

Are you hoarding or sharing the King's things?

How are you treating the King's people?

How are you treating those who still need to begin following the King?

Are you growing in your knowledge and application of the King's decrees?

Are you living a shared life of community with the King's people?

