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Luke 12:35-48

Shona

35“Zvishongedzei mugadzirire kushanda uye mwenje yenyu igare ichipfuta, 36savanhu vakarindira kudzoka kwatenzi wavo kubva kumuchato, kuitira kuti paanouya akagogodza, vagone kukurumidza kumuzarurira mukova. 37Zvichava zvakanaka kuvaranda avo vachawanikwa natenzi wavo vakarindira paanodzoka. Ndinokuudzai chokwadi kuti achazvishongedza iye pachake kuti ashande, achaita kuti vagare patafura agouya avashandire. 38Zvichava zvakanaka kuvaranda avo vachawanikwa natenzi wavo vakagadzirira, kunyange dai akauya nenguva yokurindira yechipiri kana yechitatu yousiku. 39Asi nzwisaisi izvi: kuti dai mwene weimba aiziva nguva inosvika mbavha, haaizotendera kuti imba yake ipazwe. 40Nemiwo munofanira kugara makazvigadzirira, nokuti Mwanakomana woMunhu achauya nenguva yamusingamutarisiri.” 41Petro akati, “Ishe, munotaura mufananidzo uyu kwatiri here kana kuna vose?” 42Ishe akapindura akati, “Ndoupiko mutariri akachenjera, uye akatendeka, anoiswa natenzi wake kuti avape mugove wezvokudya zvavo nenguva yakafanira? 43Zvichava zvakanaka kumuranda uyo achawanikwa natenzi wake achiita izvozvo paanodzoka. 44Ndinokuudzai chokwadi, kuti, achamugadza kuti ave mutariri wepfuma yake yose. 45Asi ngatimbotii muranda oti mumwoyo make, ‘Tenzi wangu anonoka kuuya,’ ipapo obva atanga kurova varandarume navarandakadzi, agotanga kudya nokunwa uye agodhakwa. 46Tenzi womuranda uyo achauya pazuva raasingamutarisiri uye nenguva yaasingazivi. Achamubvamburabvambura, agomuisa panzvimbo yavasingatendi. 47“Muranda uyo anoziva kuda kwatenzi wake uye asingagadziriri kana kuita zvinodiwa natenzi wake acharohwa shamhu zhinji. 48Asi munhu akanga asingazivi uye akaita zvinhu zvakafanira kurohwa, acharohwa shamhu shoma. Ani naani akapiwa zvizhinji, zvizhinji zvichatsvakwa kwaari; uye kuno uya akapiwa zvizhinji, zvizhinji kwazvo zvicharehwawo kubva kwaari.

Zulu

35“Izinkalo zenu mazibe ziboshiwe, nezibani zivutha. 36Nani yibani njengabantu ababheke inkosi yabo ibuya emshadweni ukuba, nxa ifika ingqongqotha, bayivulele masinyane. 37Zibusisiwe lezo zinceku okuyakuthi inkosi, nxa ifika, izifumane zilindile; ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Iyakuzibopha ukhalo, izihlalise ekudleni, ize izikhonze. 38Noma ifika ngomlindo wesibili noma ngowesithathu, ifumane kunjalo, zibusisiwe zona lezo. 39Kepha yazini lokhu kokuthi, uma umninindlu ebesazi isikhathi isela elizakufika ngaso, ubengayikuvuma ukuba ifohlwe indlu yakhe. 40Nani manibe nilungile, ngokuba iNdodana yomuntu iyeza ngesikhathi eningasicabangiyo.”

41UPetru wayesethi kuye: “Nkosi, usilandisa thina lo mfanekiso nokuba bonke na?” 42Yayisithi iNkosi: “Ngumuphi-ke umphathi othembekileyo noqondileyo, inkosi yakhe eyakumbeka phezu kwabendlu bayo ukuba abanike isabelo sabo sokudla ngesikhathi sakho? 43Ibusisiwe leyo nceku okuyakuthi inkosi yayo, nxa ifika, iyifumane yenze njalo. 44Impela ngithi kini: Iyakuyibeka phezu kwakho konke enakho. 45Kepha uma leyo nceku ithi enhliziyweni yayo: ‘Inkosi yami ilibele ukufika,’ iqale ukushaya abafana namantombazana, idle, iphuze, idakwe, 46inkosi yaleyo nceku iyakufika ngosuku engayibhekile ngalo nangomzuzu engawaziyo, iyingumanqume, iyabele nabangakholekile. 47“Njalo-ke leyo nceku ebiyazi intando yenkosi yayo ingalungiselanga, ingenzanga ngokwentando yayo, iyakushaywa imivimbo eminingi; 48kepha ebingazi yenza okufanele imivimbo, iyakushaywa eyingcosana; yilowo nalowo ophiwe okuningi, kuyakubizwa okuningi kuye; nophathiswe okuningi, bayakubiza kuye okungaphezu kwalokho.

Swahili

35Viuno vyenu na viwe vimefungwa, na taa zenu ziwe zinawaka; 36nanyi iweni kama watu wanaomngojea bwana wao, atakaporudi kutoka arusini, ili atakapokuja na kubisha, wamfungulie mara. 37Heri watumwa wale, ambao bwana wao ajapo atawakuta wanakesha. Amin, nawaambieni, atajifunga na kuwakaribisha chakulani, atakuja na kuwahudumia. 38Na akija zamu ya pili, au akija zamu ya tatu, na kuwakuta hivi, heri watumwa hao. 39Lakini fahamuni neno hili, Kwamba mwenye nyumba angalijua saa atakayokuja mwivi, angalikesha, wala asingaliacha nyumba yake kuvunjwa. 40Nanyi jiwekeni tayari, kwa kuwa saa msiyodhani ndipo ajapo Mwana wa Adamu. 41Petro akamwambia, Bwana, mithali hiyo umetuambia sisi tu, au watu wote pia? 42 Bwana akasema, Ni nani, basi, aliye wakili mwaminifu, mwenye busara, ambaye bwana wake atamweka juu ya utumishi wake wote, awape watu posho kwa wakati wake? 43Heri mtumwa yule, ambaye bwana wake ajapo atamkuta anafanya hivyo. 44Kweli nawaambia, atamweka juu ya vitu vyake vyote. 45Lakini, mtumwa yule akisema moyoni mwake, Bwana wangu anakawia kuja, akaanza kuwapiga wajoli wake, wanaume kwa wanawake, akila na kunywa na kulewa; 46bwana wake mtumwa huyo atakuja siku asiyo dhani na saa asiyojua, atamkata vipande viwili, na kumwekea fungu lake pamoja na wasioamini. 47Na mtumwa yule aliyejua mapenzi ya bwana wake, asijiweke tayari, wala kuyatenda mapenzi yake, atapigwa sana. 48Na yule asiyejua, naye amefanya yastahiliyo mapigo, atapigwa kidogo. Na kila aliyepewa vingi, kwake huyo vitatakwa vingi; naye waliyemwekea amana vitu vingi, kwake huyo watataka na zaidi.

Afrikaans

35“Wees gereed, die heupe omgord en die lampe aan die brand! 36Julle moet wees soos mense wat vir hulle eienaar wag tot hy van die bruilof af terugkom, sodat hulle dadelik vir hom kan oopmaak as hy kom en aanklop. 37Gelukkig is die slawe vir wie die eienaar by sy koms wakker sal aantref. Dit verseker Ek julle: Hy sal hulle aan tafel laat sit, self 'n voorskoot aansit en hulle kom bedien. 38Gelukkig is die slawe wat hy wakker aantref,

sels al sou hy eers om middernag of met hanekraai kom. 39Maar dit moet julle weet: as die huiseenaar geweet het hoe laat die dief kom, sou hy hom nie in sy huis laat inbreek het nie. 40Ook julle moet gereed wees, want die Seun van die mens kom op 'n tyd wanneer julle Hom nie verwag nie.”

41Toe vra Petrus: “Here, is hierdie gelykenis net vir ons bedoel of vir almal?”

42En die Here antwoord: “Wie is eintlik die getroue en verstandige bestuurder vir wie die eenaar oor sy ander slawe sal aanstel om hulle op tyd hulle kos te gee? 43Dit is die man vir wie sy eenaar, by sy tuiskoms, so aan die werk sal kry. Gelukkig is hy! 44Ek sê vir julle die waarheid: Sy eenaar sal hom aanstel oor alles wat hy besit. 45“Maar as die slaaf by homself sê: ‘My eenaar draai lank om te kom,’ en hy die slawe, mans en vroue, begin slaan, terwyl hy self eet en drink en dronk word, 46sal die eenaar van die slaaf kom op 'n dag dat hy dit nie verwag nie, en op 'n uur wat hy nie vooraf weet nie. Dan sal sy eenaar hom laat doodmaak, en hom die lot van ontroues laat deel. 47“Die slaaf wat geweet het wat sy eenaar wil hê maar wat nie gereed gemaak of volgens die wil van sy eenaar gehandel het nie, sal 'n swaar straf kry. 48Maar hy wat nie geweet het nie en dinge gedoen het wat straf verdien, sal 'n ligte straf kry. Van elkeen aan wie baie gegee is, sal baie geëis word; en van hom aan wie baie toevertrou is, sal meer gevra word.”

Sermon Summary:

There is no question about the fact Jesus is coming back. The question is whether or not you are ready! In this message we looked at how we can get ourselves ready for the return of Christ and why it is so important that we do.

Review and Discussion Questions:

1. Let's read Luke 12:35-48 together. What stands out to you as you look at this passage?
2. The key verse in this passage is verse 40. What is the command Jesus gives there? And what is the reason for that command?
3. Let's look at some other passages that talk about this truth. We'll read the verses and then I want you to make some observations. What does the passage tell you about the return of Christ? How does it describe it? What does it tell us our attitude should be towards the return of Christ?

John 14:1-4

Acts 1:11

Philippians 3:20,21

1 Corinthians 1:7

2 Peter 3:8-15a

1 John 3:2,3

Revelation 16:15

4. Now, I don't want us to get lost in discussing all the different details surrounding the return of Christ, but are there any pressing questions you have about the return of Christ?
5. Unfortunately, although the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus is going to return, it sometimes seems like many people aren't really longing or anticipating it. How about you? How important is the return of Christ in the way you make decisions and think about the future? If it's not something you really consider, why?
6. What might the writers of Scripture say to someone who says, "It has been so long since Jesus promised that He would return and He hasn't, why should I still look for it?"
7. One reason we aren't looking forward to the return of Christ is because we are so worried about the concerns of this life right now. Read Luke 17:34. What is the warning there?
8. How does Jesus tell us to get ready for His return in Luke 12:35-40? What are the different images he uses? What would it look like for you to obey each of those commands specifically?
9. What are the positive motivations he gives for preparing for his return?
10. What is the warning he gives to those who don't get ready?
11. What do you think would look different about your life if you were believing and obeying this passage?