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Jesus Talks of the Last Judgment When He Comes (Matthew 25:31-36)

The Second Coming of Jesus is central to the Christian belief and teachings. Jesus told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them, with the promise to come again and take them to Himself. (John 14:1-7)

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is an event every Christian is looking forward to. It is an event that has a relationship with the resurrection of Christians which is expected to happen on the last day. It has direct relationship with the parables of the kingdom, especially the parable of the Talents. Jesus said anyone who failed to use his talent, will lose what he has. Also the worthless servant will be cast into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus talked of the last day judgment that would take place when He would return. His second coming is around the corner. He has given the Christians the warning for them to be prepared and ready as the event will happen unexpectedly.

Paul's Teaching on Jesus' Second Coming (I Thess. 4:13-18, 5:1-11)

According to the teaching of Paul to the Thessalonians on the second coming of Jesus, he (Paul) said that Jesus went up to heaven in the presence of many witnesses and he (Jesus) promised them that He would come back again. Jesus' second coming would be witnessed after the lawless one must have deceived many with false claims of Messiahship. At this point, sinners would be destroyed.

Paul told the Christians in Thessalonica to get prepared for the second coming of Christ's D-day because it would be like a thief in the night. The Lord will descend from heaven with the Archangels, with the sound of the trumpets calling on the faithfuls to the rapture of God. The dead believers would rise first and those who are still living shall join together to meet the Lord in the air. He told the Thessalonian Christians not to panic nor listen to false spirits or teachers because if they are caught unawares, it would be a great disaster. Therefore, they should not be taken unprepared. They should always be awake with sober reflection.

How We Ought to Prepare for the Second Coming of the Lord (Matthew 25:31-46)

In order that we might benefit from the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ, He has given Christians the warning for them to be prepared and ready as the event that will happen suddenly like a thief in the night. As Christians, we need to be mindful of what we say, think and do as everything will be subjected to judgment when Jesus returns. He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at the right hand but the goats at the left hand.

Faith and love for one another are the greatest weapons towards adequate preparation for the day of the Lord. Heaven is the place where God and the Holy Angels are and where all believers in Jesus Christ will be at the end of the age. On the other hand, Hell is the place or state of eternal punishment for the wicked after death and condemnation after judgment.

ASSIGNMENT

Narrate what will happen during the rapture of Christians, as recorded in the book of 1 Thessalonians