Introduction

The return of Christ is a frequent topic in the New Testament. (318 times)
The return of Christ is something that gives us great hope. (Titus 2:13)
The return of Christ is a motivation for godly living.
What does it mean to be ready?

I. Faithful service. Verses 35-38

“Be ready for service.”
“Keep your lamps burning.”
Be constantly alert because you don’t know when our Lord will return.
Those who were faithful were well cared for and rewarded.
So it will be when our Lord returns. Verse 37

II. Wisdom. Verses 39-40

A wise homeowner wants to protect his property.
The coming of the Lord will be like a thief in the night – sudden and unexpected. So be ready.
Be wise. Make good choices.

“Life is more than food and clothing.”
“The pagan world runs after all such things.”
“But seek his kingdom (Put God first in your life.) and these things will be given to you as well.”

III. Obedience. Verses 41-48

Who is this parable for?
It is for the disciples and all who will follow Jesus in the future.
The reward for faithful service is not idleness but greater service – even in the heavenly kingdom. Luke 19:15-17

Those who are unfaithful stewards will be punished.

There are three levels of punishment here.

- For those who reject Christ.
- For those who disobey Christ.
- For those who are ignorant of their responsibility to Christ.

The point is that God’s reward and punishment are just.

Conclusion:

We are stewards of all that we have been given. We are not the owners. God is.

Our role is to serve him well – faithfully using what we have been given for his glory.

“To whom much is given, much will be required.”

If we will walk with God each day…then we will be ready for his coming.