

# THE GET READY SERIES

HOW THE BELIEVER IS TO BE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS AND WHY GOD REQUIRES US TO BE READY AT ALL TIMES

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## THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **What Are You Wearing? – Get Ready**

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## Part 2

## SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Last Days, Perseverance, Doctrine, Expectancy, Rapture, Prophecy.

## Introduction and overview to the series

**Church, Heaven, Eternity, Salvation, Faith, Works, Community.**

### **Matthew 22:1-13**

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: **2** “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, **3** and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. **4** Again, he sent out other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.’” **5** But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. **6** And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. **7** But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. **8** Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. **9** Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’” **10** So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. **11** “**But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12** So he said to him, “Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?” And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the servants, “Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

## **We’ve been looking into what the Bible**

has to say about your future, and if in fact you are a follower (doer) of what the Lord Jesus Christ has asked of you.

## And here are some of the eternal “perks”

to your relocation to heaven...

**The totality of “you” will be redeemed.**

Your sin nature will have been removed.

You will be ushered into the very presences of God Himself.

You finally and forever will have the capacity to worship.

You will stand “judged” before Christ for your faithfulness.

You will then honor Christ with the rewards of your faithfulness.

**All of these things will culminate in an act of worship that every believer will joyfully participate in.**

( no one will come in late or leave early for what’s coming )

**When John recorded what he saw in Heaven, he reported...**

### **Revelation 4:8-11**

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” :**9** Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and **cast their crowns before the throne**, saying: **11** “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

**Casting Crowns is the ultimate Tithe (100%) of Heaven!**

### **2 Corinthians 5:9-10**

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good (honorable) or bad (dishonorable).

**1.) Are you wearing the garment of resurrection?**

There’s a crown that matches your new **Garment of Resurrection** and it’s **Crown #1** – called **The Crown of Life**

**2.) Are you wearing the garment of light?**

And yes, there’s a crown that matches your new **Garment of Light** and it’s **Crown #2** – called **The Crown of Glory**

### 3.) Are you wearing the garment of holiness?

There's a crown that matches your new **Garment of Holiness** and it's **Crown #3** – called **The Crown of Righteousness**

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### 4.) Are you wearing the garment of courage?

The “Putting on of the Lord Jesus Christ” is  
The Applying of God in your daily life.

Noah Webster's 1828

“That quality of mind which enables men to encounter danger and difficulties with firmness, without fear or depression of spirits; valor; boldness; resolution. It is a constituent part of fortitude. Boldness, daring; intrepid; hardy to encounter difficulties and dangers; adventurous. “Be thou strong and courageous.” see Joshua 1.”

#### Joshua 1:5-9

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

**Courage** Hebrew - amets: to become battle hardened. To become stout, to become powerful, to become bold. To become determined.

**And this is how “courage” is gotten in our lives...**

**The New Testament doctrine as it relates to Joshua, is found in**

**1 Peter 3:15-17**

But **sanctify** the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready** to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; **16** having **a good conscience**, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your **good conduct** in Christ may be ashamed.

**17** For it is better, if it is the will of God, to **suffer for doing good** than for doing evil.

**With every confrontation, every battle, every debate,** every hardship you experience as a Christian - - you become more battle-hardened in this war against good and evil. Light and darkness, heaven and hell.

**It's what is implied in the book of Acts,  
for each and every one of us who make up the church.**

**Acts 1:6-8**

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall **Be My Witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

There's a crown that matches your new **Garment of Courage** and it's **Crown #4** – called **The Imperishable Crown**

**1 Corinthians 9:24-25**

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **25** And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an **imperishable** crown.

**imperishable** grk: fade-proof. decay-proof. that which cannot diminish or lessen. That which cannot be devalued or weakened.

**Matthew 6:19-21**

"Do not lay up for yourselves **treasures** ( = crowns ) on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20** but lay up for yourselves **treasures** ( = crowns ) in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your **treasures** is, there your heart will be also.

**1 Peter 1:4-5**

to an **inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that **does not fade away, reserved** in heaven for you, **5** who are **kept** by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the Last Time.

**Imperishable Crown + Garment of Courage = The Christian**  
**This future experience ought to motivate us and remind us that here in this world, you and I have been deployed into enemy occupied territory. Satan has seized control of this world for now.**

**2 Corinthians 2:14 esv.**

But thanks be to God, who in Christ **always leads us** in triumphal procession,

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**5.) Are you wearing the garment of praise?**

**1 Thessalonians 2:19-20**

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? **20**  
For you are our glory and joy.

**Isaiah 61:3b**

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I give them (1) beauty for **ashes**, (2) the oil of joy for **mourning**,  
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For what, or for whom, you live your life for now – will be revisited later in eternity and it will matter.

(This is why it is so **fatally-stupid** for us to pursue our own will and desires)

### Revelation 19:6-8

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

### Back to Isaiah 61

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#### Notice:

- 1st. **beautifies** the face from **ashes** to *beauty*,
- 2nd. **anoints** the head from **mourning** to *joy*,
- 3rd. **covers** the whole of the person from **heaviness** *with a garment of praise!*

**Ashes**     **Hebrew; epher** = the remains of a devastating fire. What’s left after an incineration. The ashes being reduced to dust.

**It’s that overwhelming feeling that invades us when we think  
“There is nothing left to our lives”**

**Mourning** **Hebrew; abal** = inconsolable grief. What feels like endless sorrow.

**It’s that overwhelming sense that takes the wind-out-of-us when we  
“Cannot see any relief to the pain that is stragging us”**

**Heaviness** **Hebrew; kahah** = to become, to sink, to grow more and more dim or faint of heart. The dimming of sight. The loss of light.

**It’s that overwhelming thought that life is just too hard and death doesn’t  
seem so bad after all.  
“I’m sorry, but I just want to get some rest now – I’m sorry”**

And finally there's a crown that matches your **Garment of Praise**  
and it's **Crown #5** – called **The Crown of Rejoicing**

**Romans 8:37-39**

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.  
**38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities  
nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor  
any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God  
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Philippians 4:4**

Rejoice **in the Lord** (not in the issue) always. **Again** I will say, **rejoice!**

**Regarding the Believer's Crowns at the End**

**As a believer that must give an account for my time**

energy and resources, it is incumbent upon me to invest those God-given  
talents in things that are of eternal value.

**1 Corinthians 3:9-15**

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.  
10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master  
builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one  
take heed how he builds on it (t.t.t.). 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay  
than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this  
foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's  
work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed  
by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's  
work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's  
work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved,  
yet so as through fire.

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