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ATONEMENT

“Ready or Not”

MATTHEW 24:36-51





KEY POINT:

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*¹ In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...
¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son
from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:1, 14



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- Jesus told His disciples to be alert in the Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38, 40).
- Paul told the elders of the church in Ephesus that they needed to be alert (Acts 20:31).
- Peter says we must be alert because the Devil is constantly looking for someone to destroy (1 Peter 5:8).

Being Alert in the Bible



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II. Be ready (vs. 43-44).



² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³ While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

I Thessalonians 5:2-4



*Yes, we are of good courage,
and we would rather be away from the body and at home
with the Lord.*

II Corinthians 5:8



- I. Be alert (vs. 36-42).
- II. Be ready (vs. 43-44).
- III. Be faithful (vs. 45-51).



*For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:10



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A silhouette of a person carrying a cross on their back, walking on a path. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the cross extending upwards and to the left. The background is a solid orange color, and the silhouette is black.

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“Be and remain actively loyal to the Master, sensibly and joyfully carrying out the task assigned by him, in the interest of those who are precious to him.”

William Hendriksen,
Commentary on Matthew

