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## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

# ***Get Ready! Get Ready! Get Ready!***

My brothers and sisters, if Christ was to show up right now, are you ready to go home? Are you living your everyday life with urgency? Many people are living content! As if, there is no big deal or as if He is not coming back. My next question is, are you truly giving God your best effort? To give Him your best, one must adhere to what it says in **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. Living a life of faith is great, but we must also get at that stage of living our life with conviction. God is not going to allow us to live any kind of way. For He is in us (**1 John 3:9**). Therefore, we must Get Ready and stay prepared for His return.

God has given us an illustration and instructions about the signs of the end of the age and His glorious return in **Matthew 24:4-51** and **Matthew 25:1-46**. He reminds us not to live like they did in the days of Noah (**Matthew 24:36-39**). Noah preached for many years and at the same time he was building an ark. The people heard him preach, they saw him building the ark and took it all for a joke! Noah was calling for repentance (which means "change"). Instead the people partied hearty! Whatever way life pleased them, they lived it up in content. Do you have issues? Did you know God is your healer and sustainer? Give your issues to Him. Time is short and we must Get Ready! Many will ask me, "how do you know how much time we as a people have"? I will answer by repeating **Matthew 24:44**. We live by His mercy, grace and if the truth be told, many people are taking advantage of both. When Noah closed the door, it began to rain and the people pleaded for Noah to open the door and let them in. What they did not realize was God closed and sealed the door shut! There was nothing Noah could do. Besides, Noah did his part by warning the people to Get Ready. The people did just the opposite. The story is the same today, the word is being preached and God is telling us to Get Ready! For the time will come where He will close that door and seal it shut.

The fact is, God is telling us to get prepared! God will not accept the following. I'm going to get prepared, but I'm going to "Do It MyWay". No, we "Wanna Be Like God" in His image. So "Stand Up And Represent" and "Follow His Instructions" before He "Closes Thedoor". God is saying "I Love You" and I want you here with Me. So don't get caught up "In The State Of Apostasy". Understand what God is saying by reading your bible and know "Why We Go To Church". He is "Our Sovereign God" and we will get into "Conflict When Compromising God Word". Make a decision now! "Choose, Don't Vote". I am writing this meditation not to scare you, but to give you "Encouragement". God is calling us to Get Ready, but many will say "I Don't Have Time". We must "Submit To The Lord" and if you are going through or if you have questions "Talk To God About It". To get lined up with what God is saying, we must address our issues and develop the right attitude. Whatever is holding you back, "Let It Go".

My brothers and sisters, God is simply telling me to tell you to, "Get Ready!Get Ready!Get Ready!"

### SCRIPTURE READING

JAMES 4:14

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you want to know how your heart is towards God, look where your feet are going.



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