Oh, be merciful to your own soul! Have compassion on that immortal part of you. Do not neglect its interest, for the sake of mere worldly objects. Business, pleasure, money, politics, will soon be done with forever. Do not refuse to consider the question I ask you, Are you ready?

## ARE YOU READY?

If you are not ready, I urge you to get ready without delay. I tell you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that all things are ready on God's part for your salvation. The Father is ready to receive you, the Lord Jesus is ready to wash your sins away, the Spirit is ready to renew you, angels are ready to rejoice over you, believers are ready to hold out the right hand to you.

OH, WHY NOT GET READY TODAY?

The Father is ready to receive you





He will come again to this world one day.
As clearly as He came the first time, 2000 years ago, so definitely will He come the second time.

He will come to reward all His people, who have believed in Him and confessed Him upon earth. He will come to punish all His enemies, the careless, the ungodly, the impenitent, and the unbelieving. He will come very suddenly, at an hour when no man expects: as a thief in the night.

He will come in terrible majesty, in the glory of His Father, with the holy angels. A flaming fire shall go before Him. The dead shall be raised, — the judgment shall be set, — the books shall be opened! Some shall be raised up into heaven: many, very many, shall be cast down to hell. The time for repentance shall be past. Many shall cry, "Lord, Lord, open to us!" but find the door of mercy closed forever. There will be no second chance. If Christ should come the second time today, are you ready?

But will I leave you here? Will I raise questions in your heart, and not show you the way of life? I will try to show you the man that is ready.

He that is ready has a Saviour. He has Jesus ever ready to help him. He lives the life of faith in the Son of God. He has realised he is a sinner, and fled to Christ for peace. He has committed his soul and all its concerns to Christ's keeping. If the Lord should come again, he knows that he has nothing to fear. The Judge of all will be that very Jesus who has washed his sins away.

He that is ready has a home ready in heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ has told him that He is gone "to prepare a place" for him (John 14:2). A house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, awaits him. He can look forward to the coming of the Lord without alarm.

## "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44

This is a solemn question! It should make you examine yourself and should make you think. It would be a terrible thing to be taken by surprise. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

He knows that they who are ready will enter in with Him to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Happy is that man whose lodging is prepared for him in the kingdom of Christ.

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