



**DAY 25**



## HIS PLACE

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**Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.**

**For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.**

**Matthew 24:42-44**

As a child, I waited and prepared for Christmas Day. I counted the days. Now, my attention has turned to preparation, not for a commemoration, but for His Coming in Glory. I don't know the day count, but chapters 24 and 25 of Matthew record Christ's call to urgent preparation. Both chapters are helpful reading for these days.

How do we prepare for His Coming? There is no checklist to guide our actions. Some would recommend that we just do the best we can to live in obedience to God's Word as we understand it. That was the same failed formula the Pharisees used in their preparation. I have come to the realization that our preparation is not something we do at all. Our preparation is simply Who He Is in

us, right now!

Christ told us in John 14 that He goes to prepare a place for us. For years, I thought He was doing that out there somewhere. I even wondered why it was taking Him so long. Instead, He is truly doing the work right here. We are the reason for the delay. He is preparing a place for me by preparing me as His Place.

1. What is the fundamental rejection criterion Christ declares to those denied entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven?  
(See Matthew 7:21-23.)
2. What do you suppose provides protection in these days from the many false prophets mentioned by Christ in Matthew 24:11?  
(This is a trick question. Our protection is not provided by a “what” but by a “Who”!)

*Thank you, Lord Jesus for offering to abide in us and inviting us to abide in You, right now. Move in us freely, Lord, to accomplish Your great Salvation Purpose in these days of waiting. Prepare us for Your Coming Presence in Glory by Your Personal Presence in us now. Indeed, Lord Jesus, do come quickly!*

– JIM RADDIN –

