



# Scripture Reading

**"You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him"**

**-Luke 12:40**

# ARE YOU READY?

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# Let's travel back to the Old Testament

Genesis 19:17 "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee..."

The last thing she did on Earth was to ignore God's instructions.

**Was Lot's wife ready to meet the Lord?**

# Goliath, A champion of the Philistines

1 Samuel 17:10 And the Philistine said, *“I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together”*.

1 Samuel 17:43 *“Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?”* And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

**Was Goliath ready to meet God?**

# Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego

**Daniel 3:12** Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego refused the order from the king to fall down and worship the golden image.

The three men are cast into the fiery furnace.

**Daniel 3:24** ...Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counselors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?

**Daniel 3:25** He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

**Daniel 3:27** And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

**Were these three men ready to meet the Lord?**

# Now, to the New Testament

Acts 5:1-2 Ananias & Sapphira. Sold property, then greed overtook them. (2) And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

(3) But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

(4) Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.**

(5) And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down, and gave up the ghost.

About three hours later, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in, telling the same story, then, like Ananias, gave up the ghost.

**Were they ready to meet the Lord?**

# How about the Day of Pentecost? What about those who listened to Peter on that Glorious Day?

- At the beginning, nearly 120 disciples were present
- Approximately 3,000 were baptized
- During the sermon, the crowd grew (some scholars estimate 15,000 or more). Why?
- Did many come to stop the meeting, to end this movement once & for all?
- How many, 40 days earlier, were yelling, “Crucify Him?”
- Had some of the 3,000 been part of the “Crucify Him” group?

# The Ethiopian Eunuch

## Acts 8:26-40

- An angel of the Lord sends Philip to meet an Ethiopian man of great authority, reading Isaiah, who happens to be a Eunuch
- Philip asks if the man understands what he is reading. He responds by saying, “How can I, unless some man guides me?”
- The eunuch was able to read the words, but lacked the ability to comprehend the message.
- He needed someone to study with him.
- Seeing water, the eunuch asked about being baptized.
- Philip baptized the eunuch.

**Was the Ethiopian Eunuch ready?**

Bobby Randy George Tim Michael Todd  
Harrison Chad Daniel Brian John Kyle  
Eddie Scott Marty Wesley Nathan Willy  
Mark Steven Paul Harrison Danny Chad  
Derek Travis Casey

**All these men have two things in common:**

- **I have coached them all**
- **I have out-lived them all**

**How about you?  
Should Jesus return  
today, are you ready  
for the Judgment  
Day?**

