

## “An Unexpected Hour”

Matthew 24:36–51

**Big Idea: The unexpected hour of Christ’s coming requires alert preparation.**

- I. The First Analogy of the Unexpected Hour: Noah’s Flood (verses 37–39)
- II. The Sudden Separation at the Unexpected Hour: One Taken, One Left (verses 40–42)
- III. The Second Analogy of the Unexpected Hour: A Thief in the Night (verses 43–44)
- IV. The Proper Preparation for the Unexpected Hour: Diligent Service (verses 45–51)
  - A. The Description of the Proper Preparation (verses 45–47)
    1. A Heart of Faithful Wisdom
    2. A Pattern of Diligent Service
    3. A Reward of Exalted Service
  - B. The Opposite of the Proper Preparation (verses 48–51)
    1. A Heart of Faithless Wickedness
    2. A Pattern of Abuse and Self-Indulgence
    3. A Recompense of Sudden Damnation