

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Luke 12: 32-40

32 Fear not, little flock, ye with an sheepish countenance; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. God knows why, but there we are. However. Let's move on from sparrows and wild flowers, and talk about you.

33 Sell that ye have, (get a good price for it,) and give alms – that's a-l-m-s; provide yourselves bags, not too ornate and fancy, which wax not, nor wane no more (there is an hymn there somewhere,) a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For bags with holes therein are useless. Isn't that right, Theophilus?

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Catchy, that one, eh?

35 Let your loins be girded about. That is your own loins, not those of others. and thy lights burning. Let not thy tallow drop or drip.

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding, often in quite a state; that when he cometh and knocketh. Then shall they say, Who art there? expecting him to reply in an humorous fashion. But this is no laughing matter. They may open unto him immediately. Or as fast as they can find the key.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, o yes, and make them to sit down to meat, and trifles, and all sorts of other good stuff; all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air (although I haven't written that bit yet,) and then – wait for it - and then he will come forth and serve them. Verily.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, or – you get the drift - and find them so, blessed are those servants who kip not.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have peeped out the window, and watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. That's an odd analogy, I know, but it makes the point.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Surprise!